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An illustration of two anime-style girls. The girl in the foreground has long, wavy brown hair and is wearing a purple one-piece swimsuit with a scalloped neckline and small floral patterns. She has a surprised or happy expression with wide eyes and a slight smile. The girl behind her has short, spiky blonde hair and is wearing a pink one-piece swimsuit. She is leaning in and kissing the first girl on the cheek. Both girls have rosy cheeks. The background is plain white.

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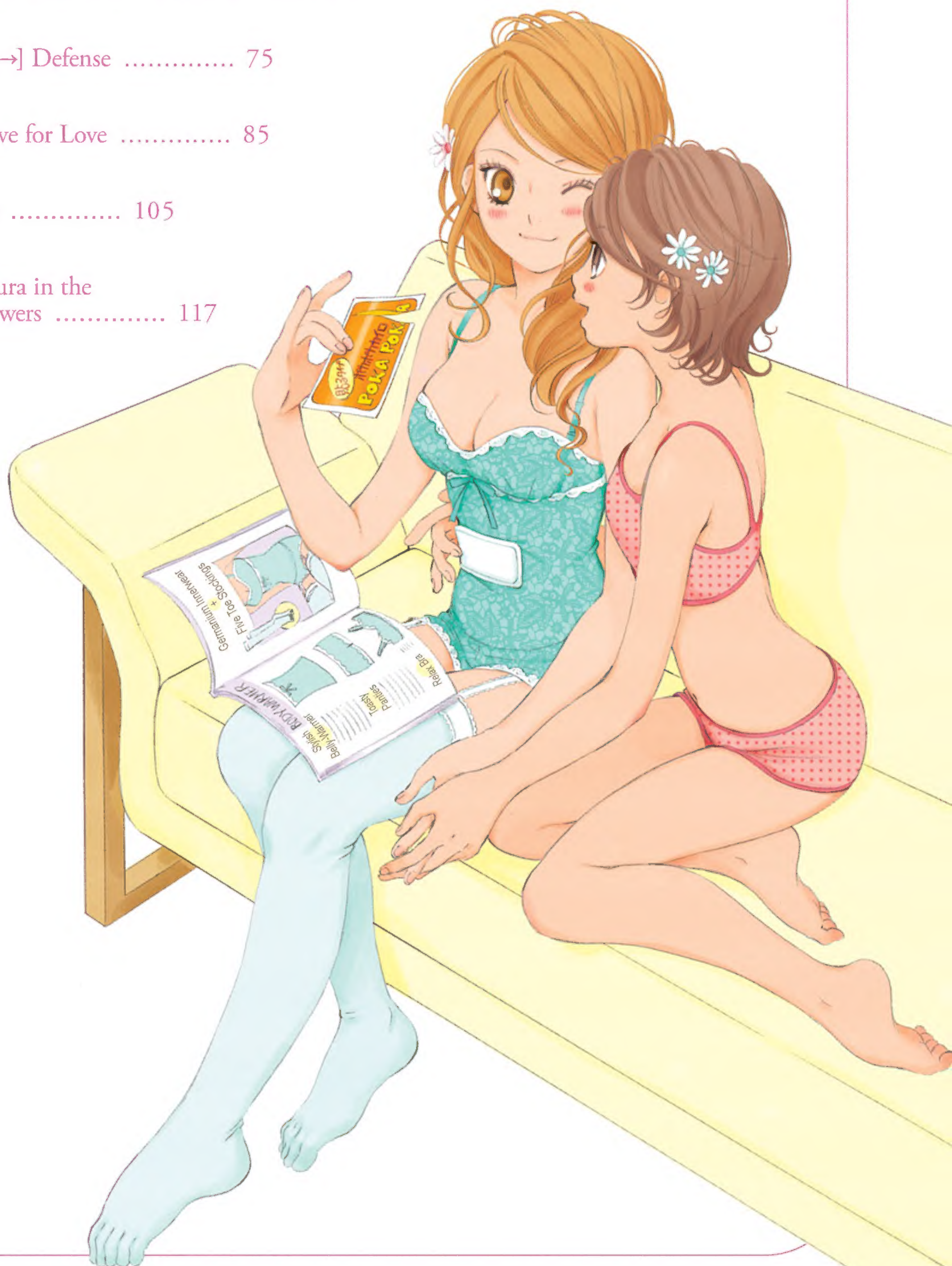
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SO, I'LL  
BE HOME  
BY EIGHT.  
PERFECT!

I FINISHED  
WORK  
ON TIME  
TODAY!

NEXT  
UP: YOGA  
CLASS!

RIGHT!

CLACK

CLACK  
CLACK

I'M  
ITOU  
SARINA.  
I'M  
TWENTY-SIX  
YEARS  
OLD.

I FOLLOW  
MY  
SCHEDULE  
TO A T.

YOU'RE  
FINALLY  
HOME!

EXCEPT...

♪  
Kick  
Kick

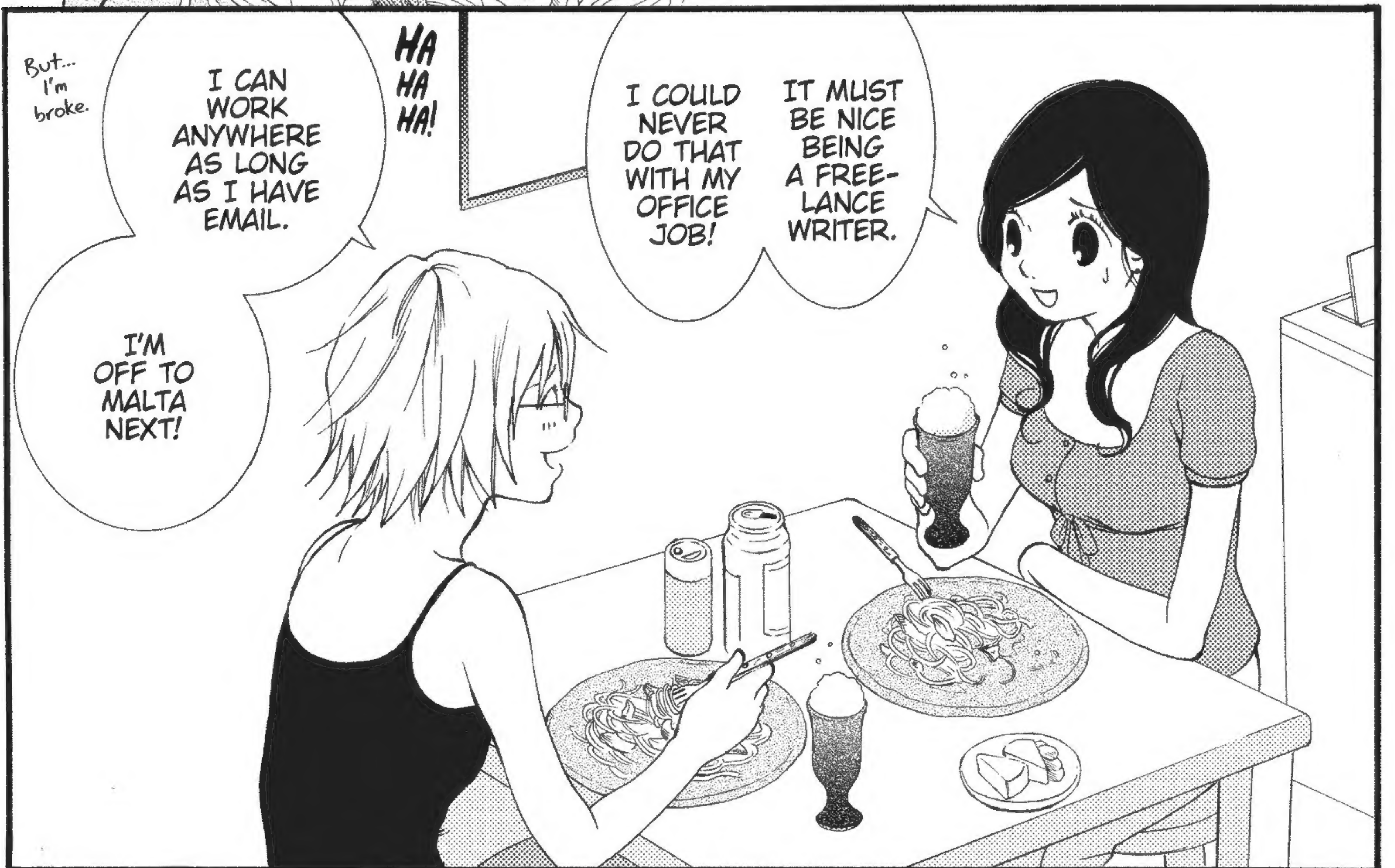
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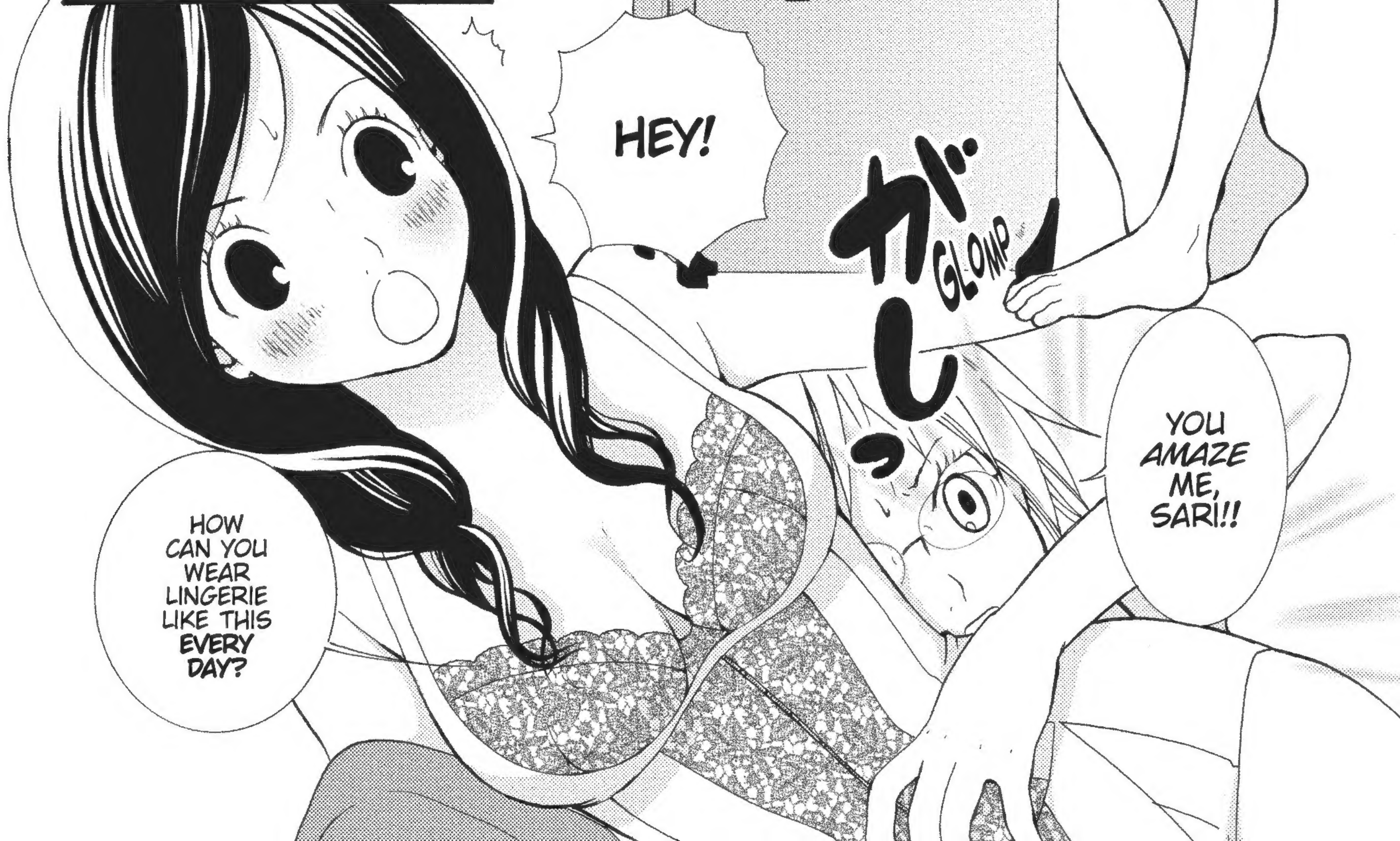
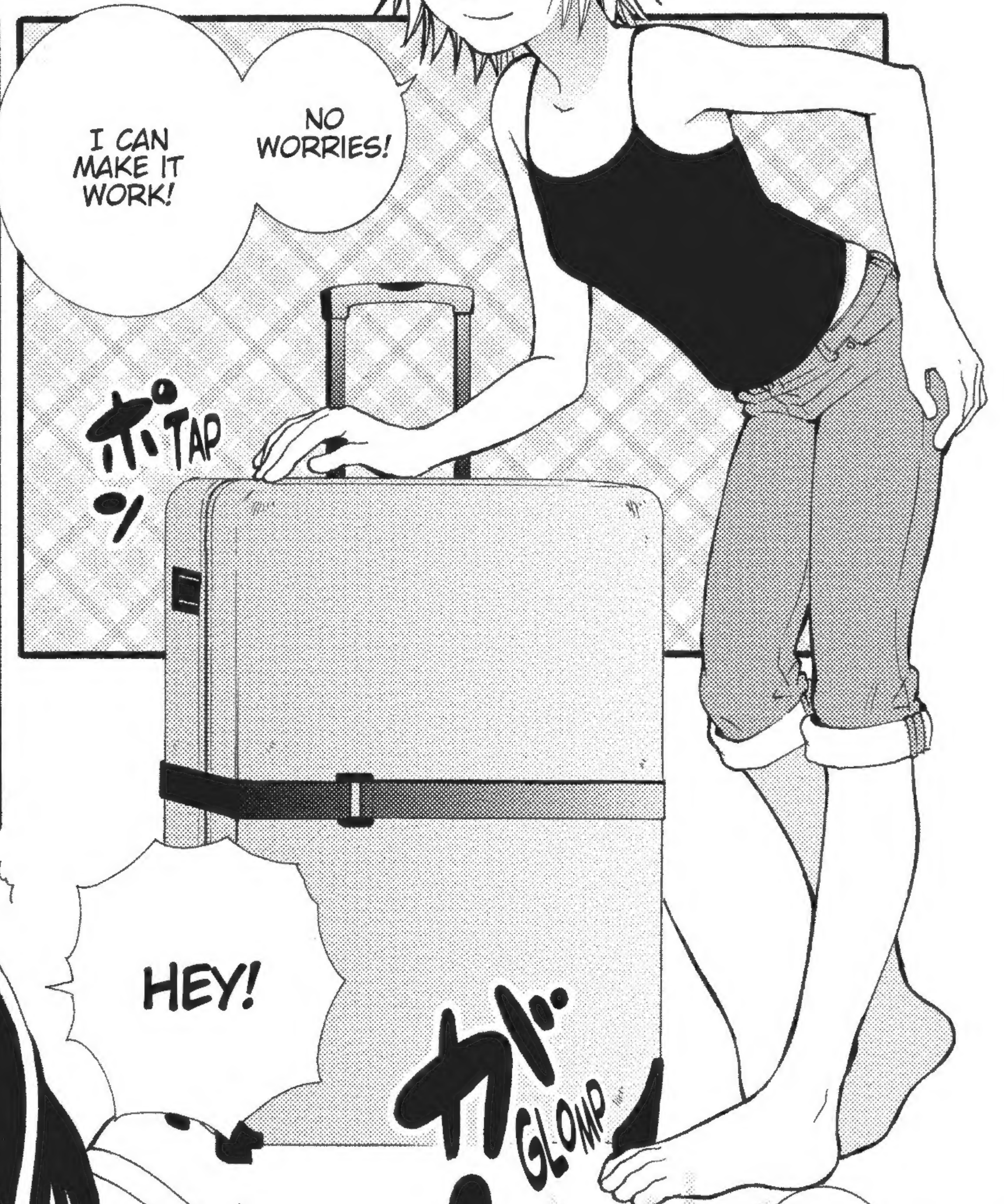
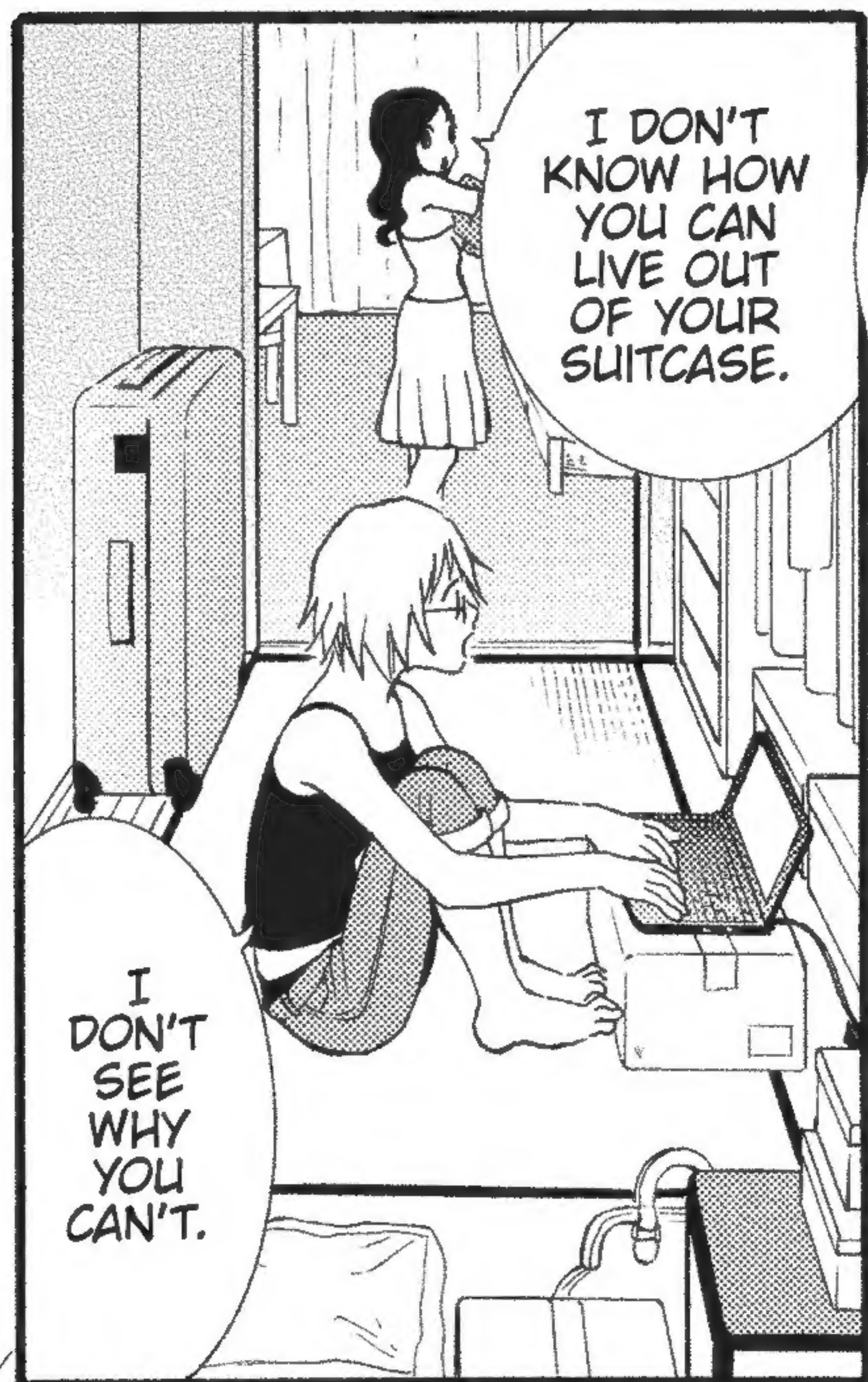


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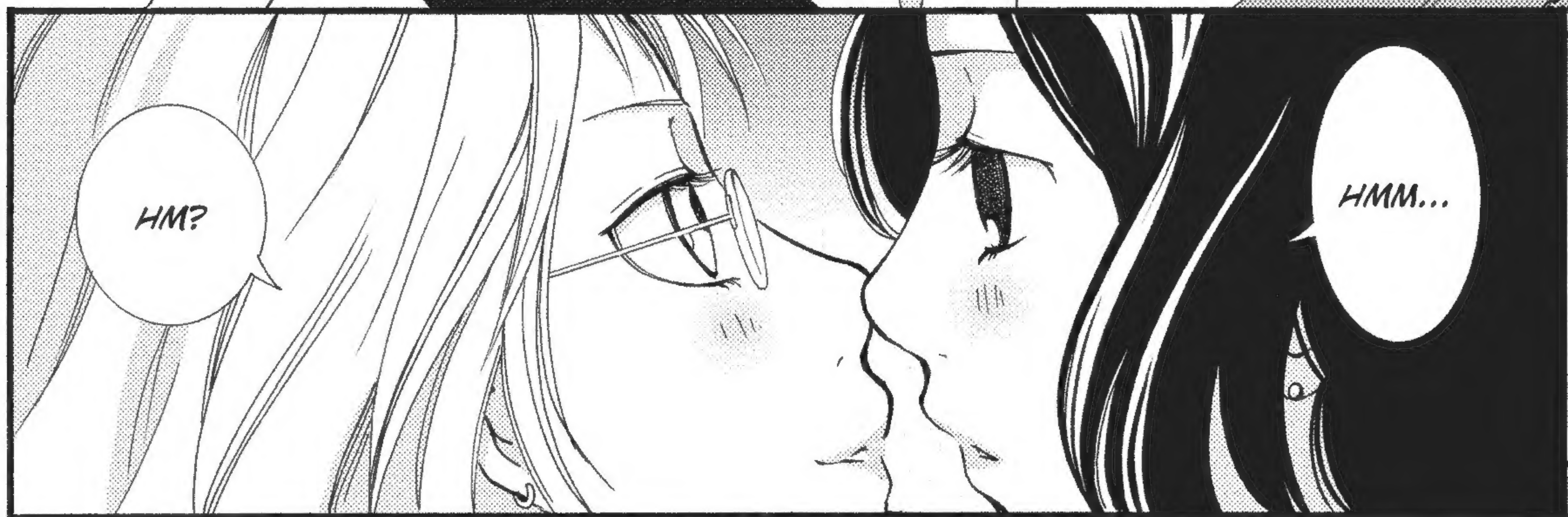






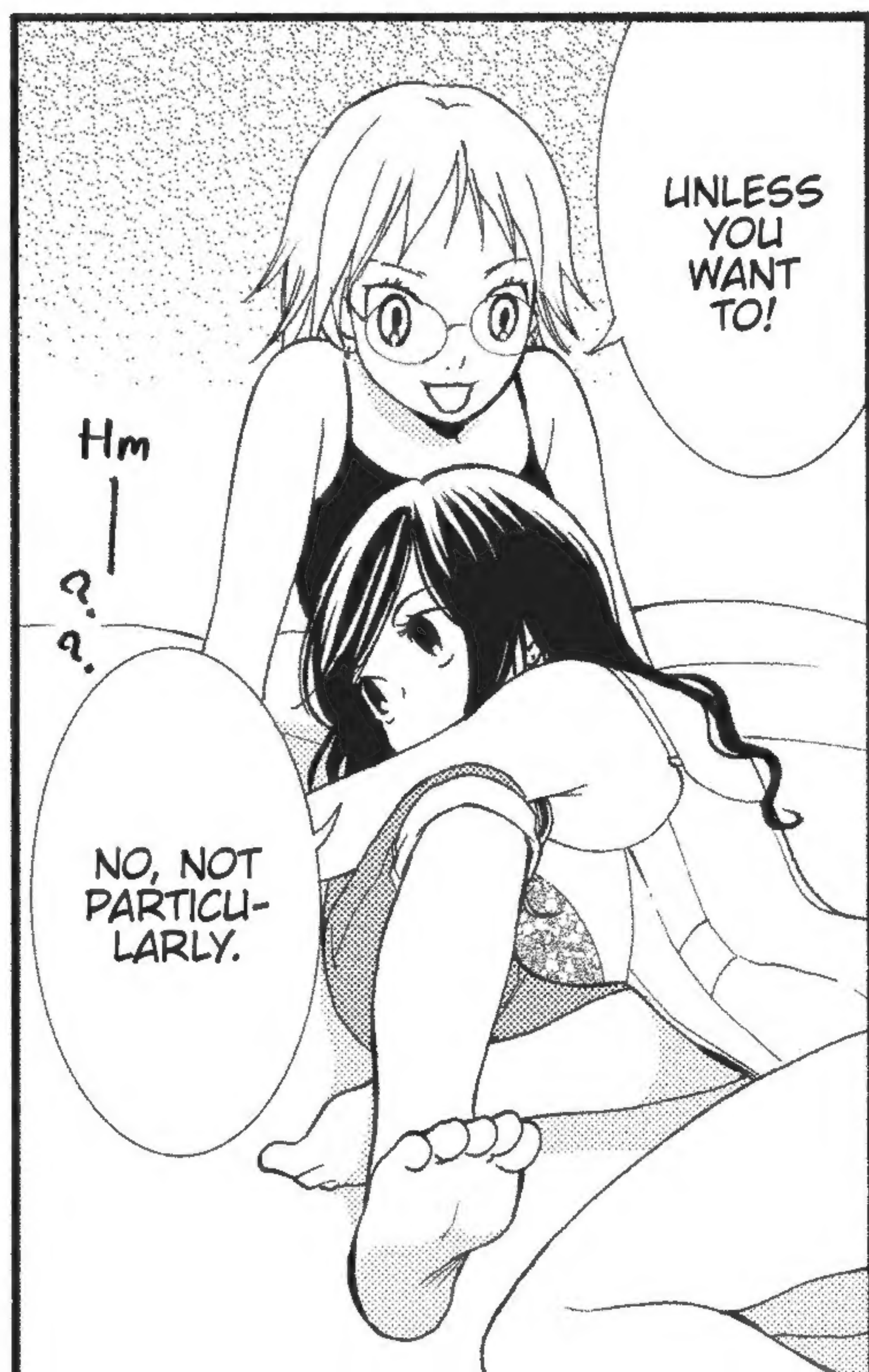






HM?

HMM...



UNLESS  
YOU  
WANT  
TO!

Hm

NO, NOT  
PARTICU-  
LARLY.



WE  
DON'T  
GO  
FURTHER.

BUT  
THAT'S  
ALL  
WE  
DO.

This is  
perfectly  
curled!



Erm

WE'RE  
NOT JUST  
FRIENDS,  
ARE WE?

FRIENDS  
DON'T  
NORMALLY  
KISS EACH  
OTHER.

WELL, IN  
JAPAN...





I LOVE  
YOU THE  
MOST TOO,  
SARI.

BUT  
I LOVE  
YOU THE  
MOST!



I'M  
WORRIED.

DON'T  
PUSH  
YOURSELF  
SO  
MUCH!

YOU  
DON'T  
LOOK  
WELL.

I'M  
FINE.



SO...

WHY  
DO I  
FEEL  
UNEASY?



WE  
LOVE  
EACH  
OTHER.  
THAT'S  
ALL WE  
NEED.



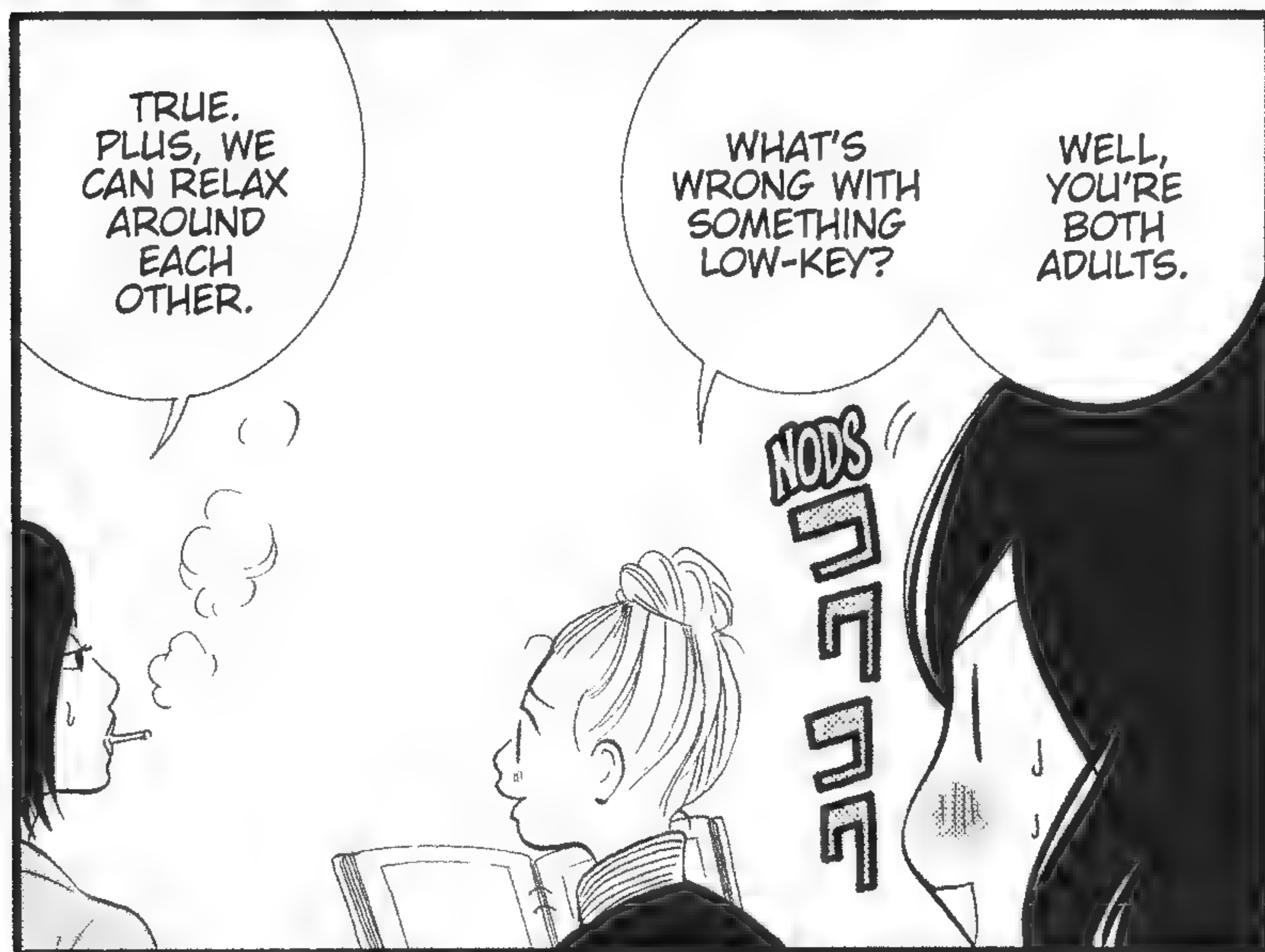
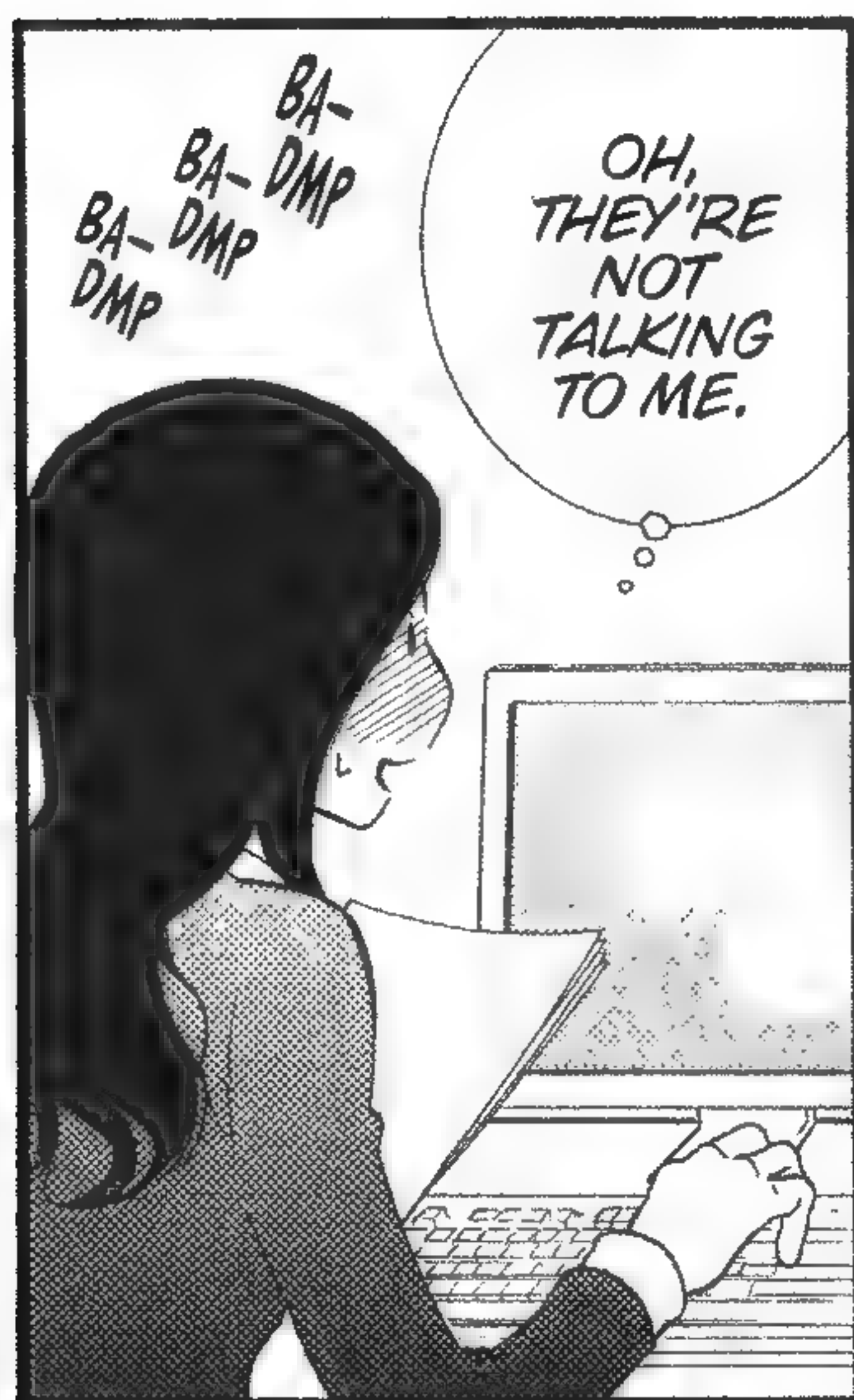
DON'T  
DIE OUT  
THERE!

I'M  
MORE  
WORRIED  
ABOUT  
YOUR  
LIFESTYLE!

HA  
HA  
HA!

I  
WON'T.









BUT...

HAVING  
A NO-  
STRINGS-  
ATTACHED  
KINDA DEAL  
WORRIES  
ME.

IT'S A  
HARD  
THING  
TO  
FIND!

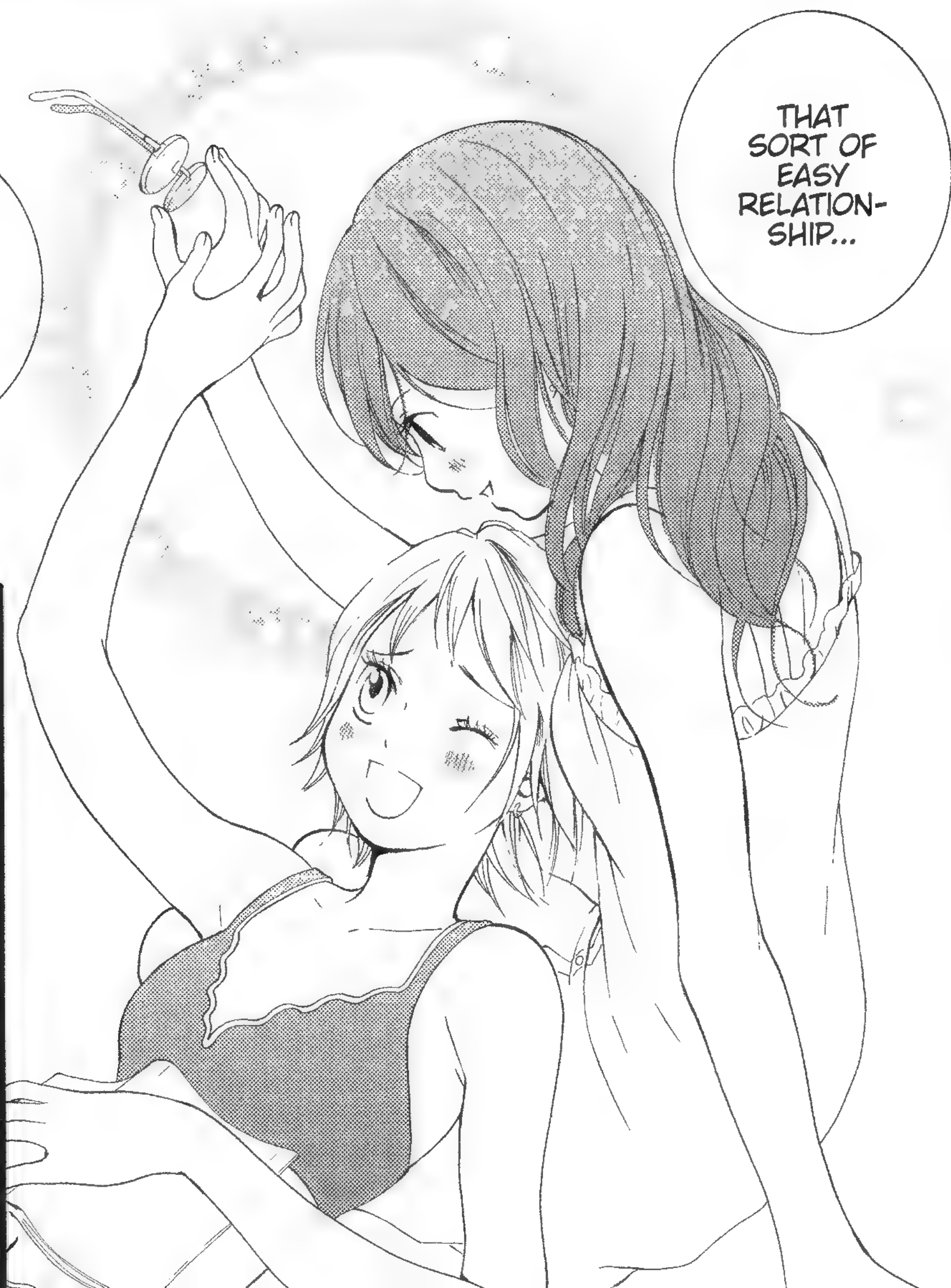
YOU'RE  
LUCKY  
TO HAVE  
SOMEONE  
LIKE  
THAT.

THAT'S  
RIGHT!



COULD  
ALSO  
END  
EASILY.

THAT  
SORT OF  
EASY  
RELATION-  
SHIP...

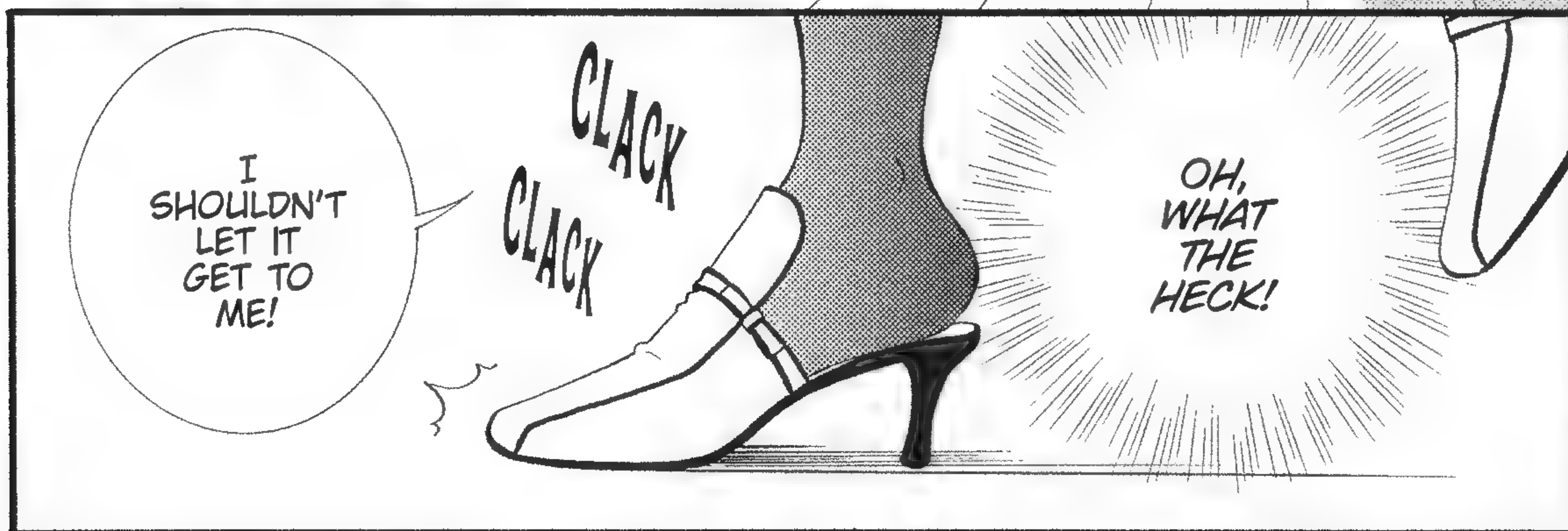
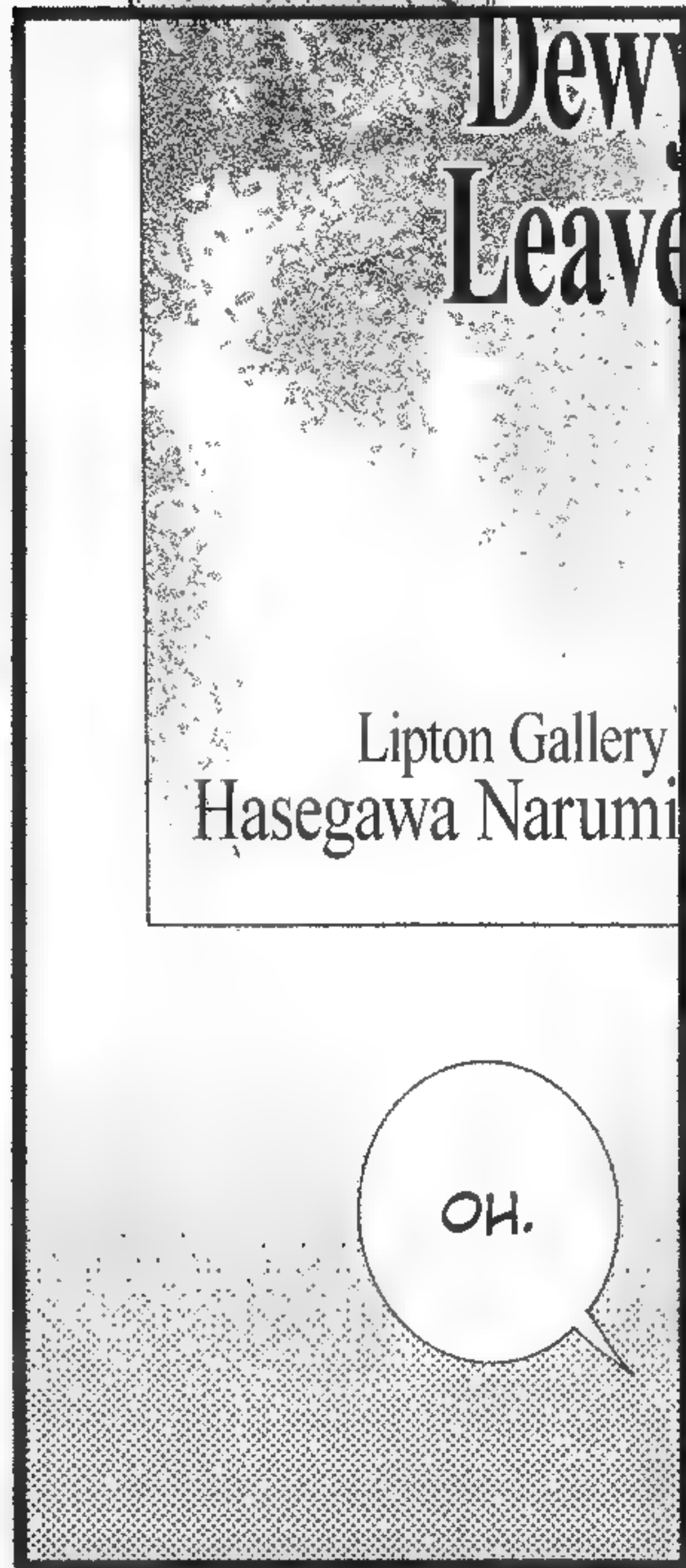


NOW  
I GET  
IT.

THAT'S  
WHY I'VE  
BEEN  
FEELING  
SO WEIRD.









I HAVE  
TO FLY OUT  
TOMORROW.

ER,  
SARI...

Ha  
ha  
ha!

I FOUND  
A CHEAP  
PLANE  
TICKET.

WHAT  
?!

Lucky  
me!



PAT PAT ?

Sleep

ARE  
YOU  
SERI-  
OUS  
...?

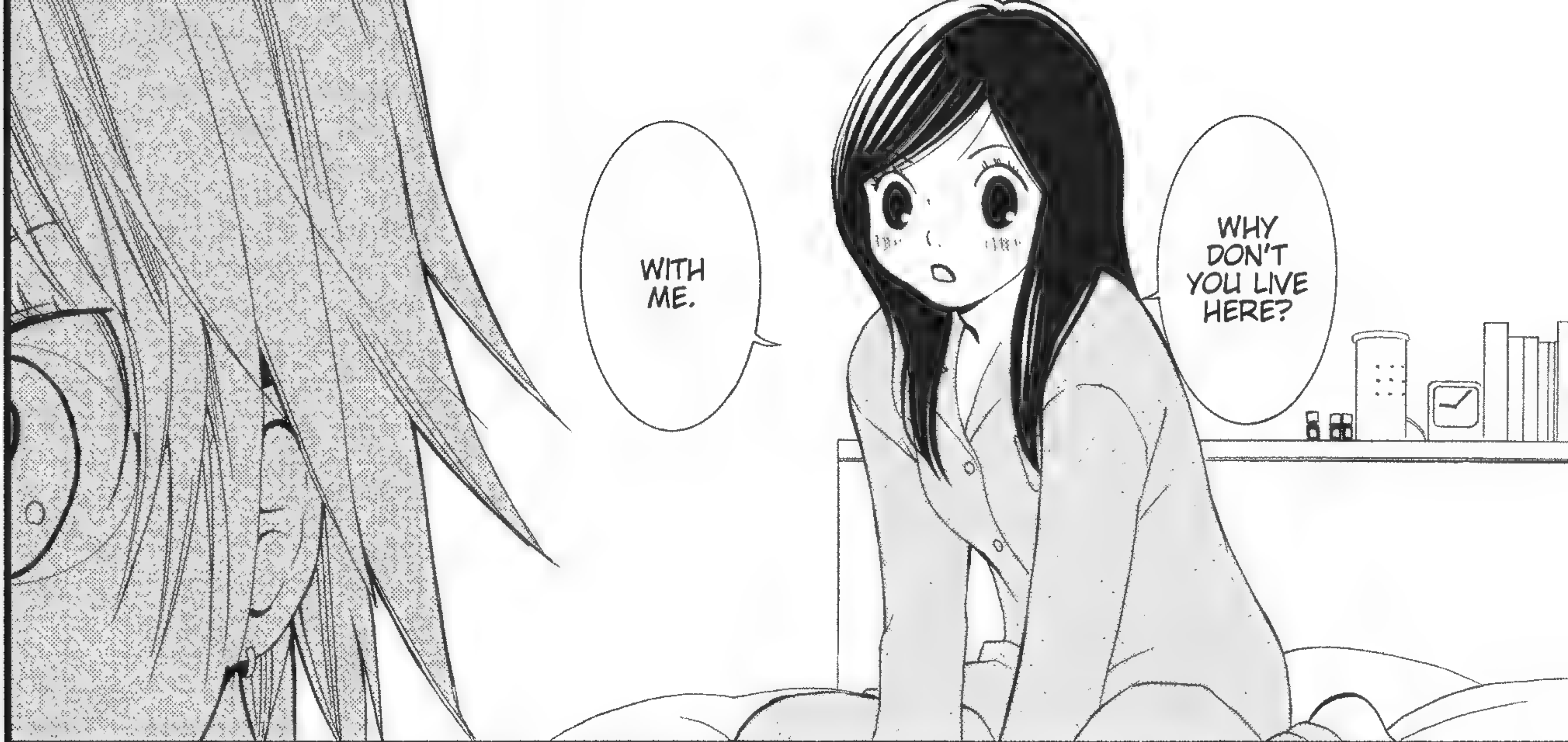
SUMI-  
CHAN...

SO SOON?!  
DON'T YOU  
NEED TO  
PLAN YOUR  
TRIP  
FIRST?!

NOT  
REALLY.

KLAK









THANK  
YOU.

I  
APPRECIATE  
IT.

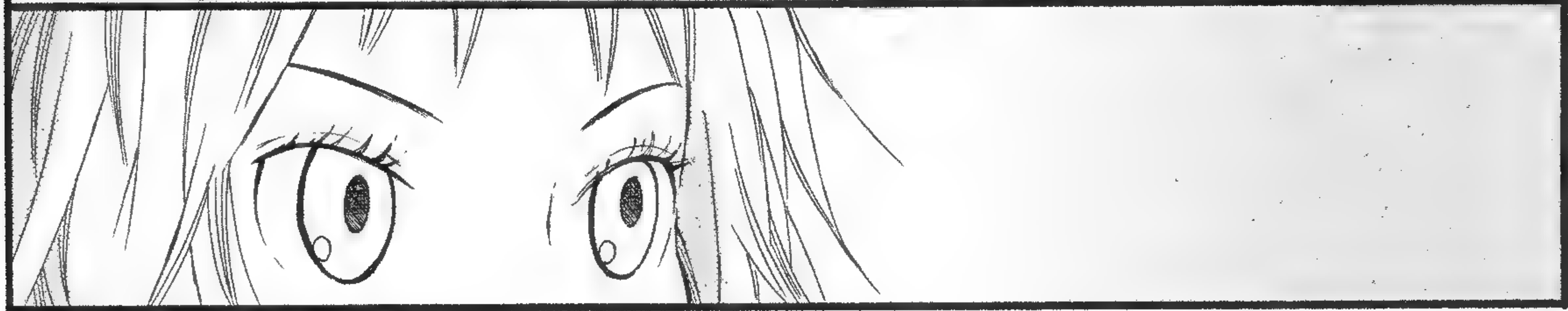


I DON'T  
HAVE TO  
CHANGE,  
HUH?



SO...?

WHAT  
?!

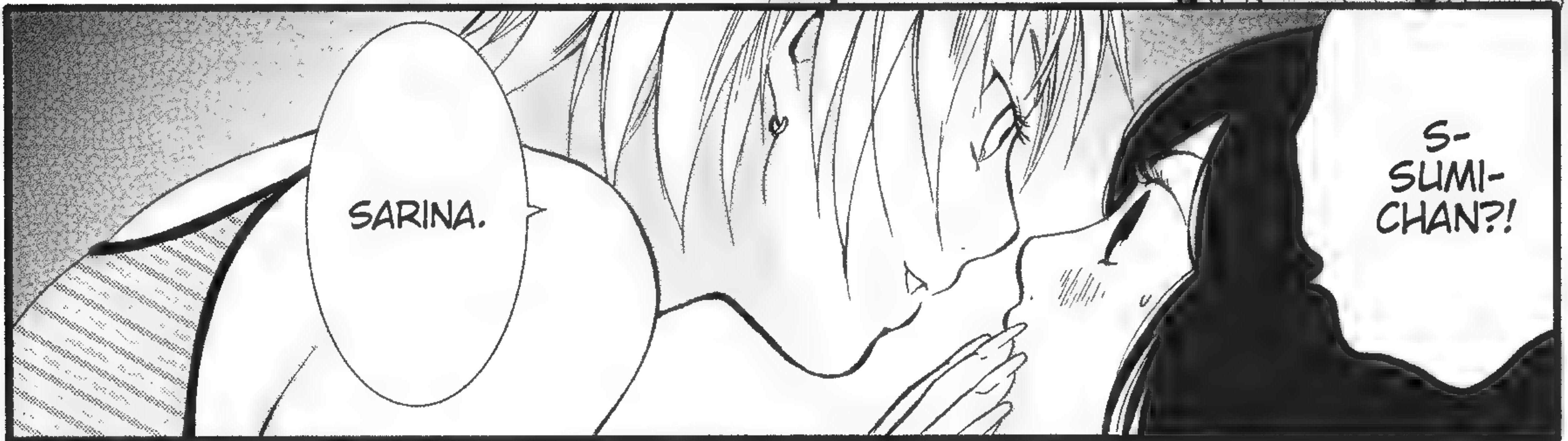


EH?

I  
CAN'T...

LIVE  
HERE.









I WANT  
OUR  
RELATIONSHIP  
TO  
DEVELOP.

MEANS  
BEING  
FREE TO  
CHANGE  
AND  
GROW.

TO BE  
FREE...

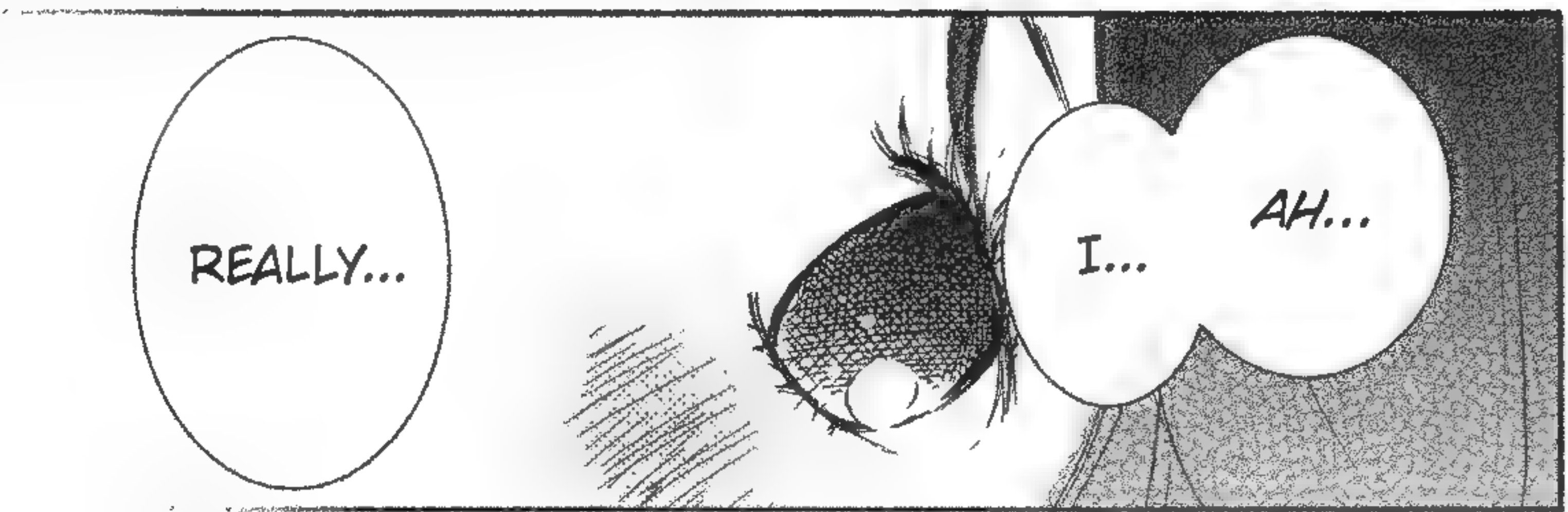
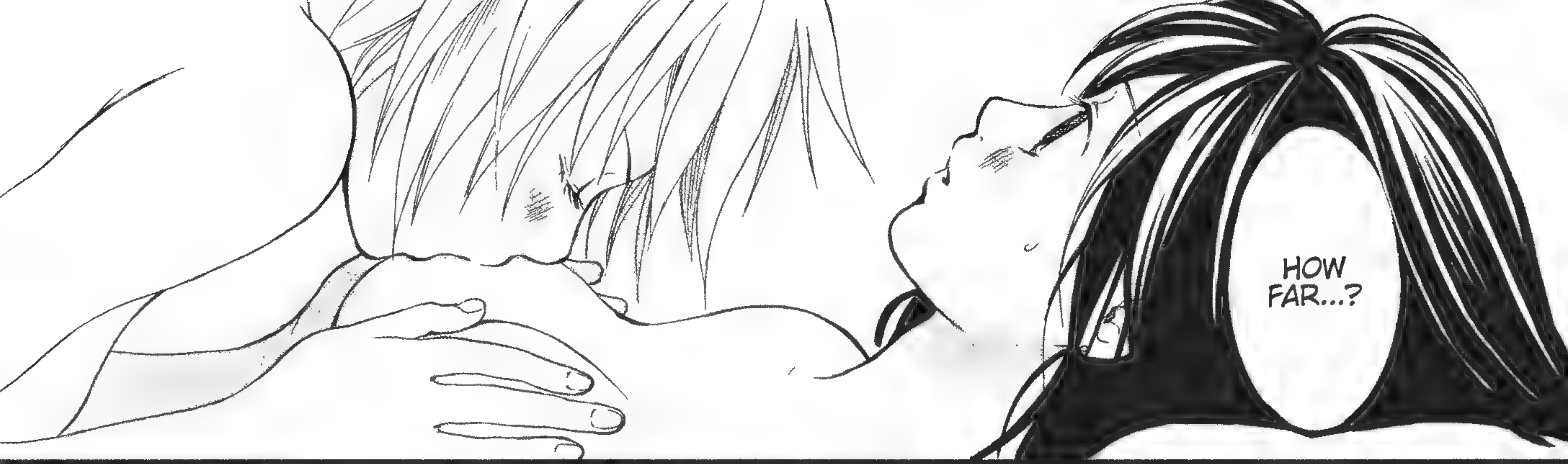
FEEL IT  
TOGETHER.

I WANT  
US TO  
SEE THAT  
CHANGE  
TOGETHER.

HOW  
FAR ARE  
YOU...

WILLING  
TO GO  
WITH ME,  
SARINA?



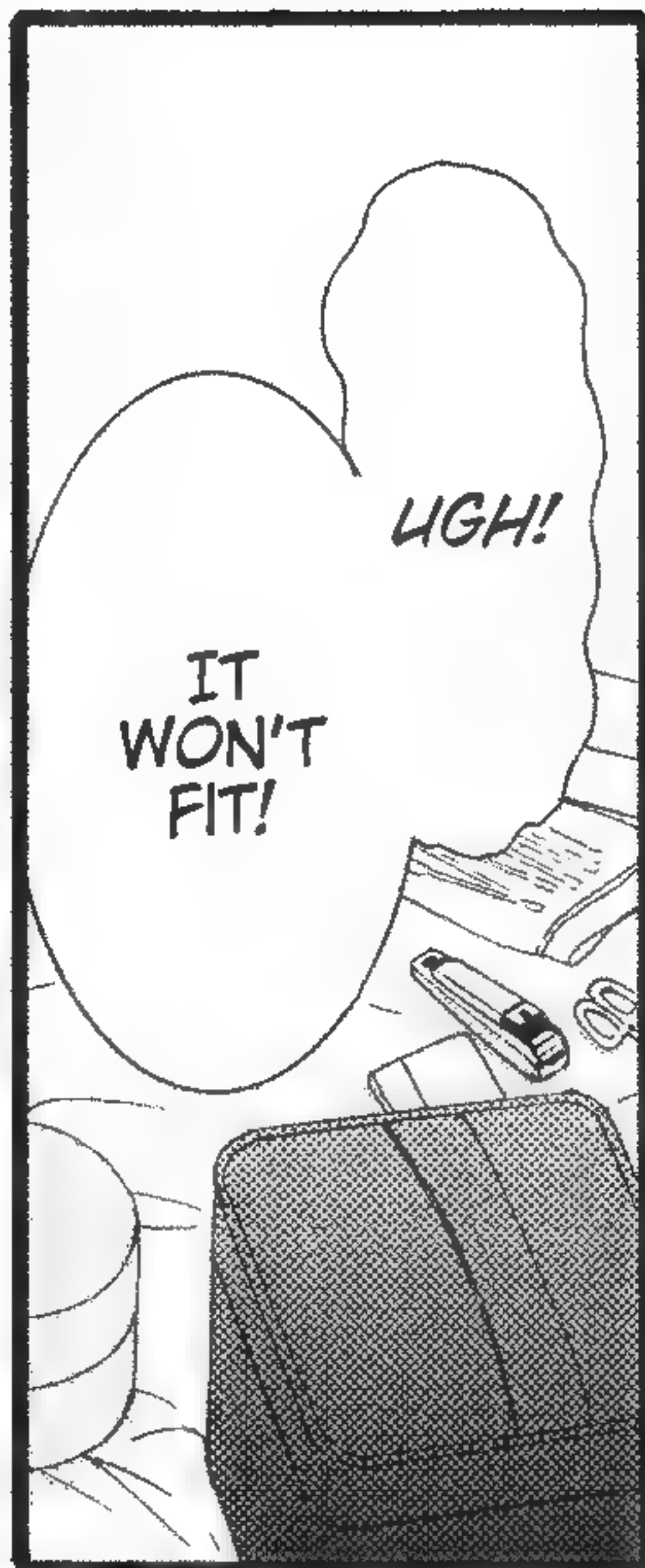






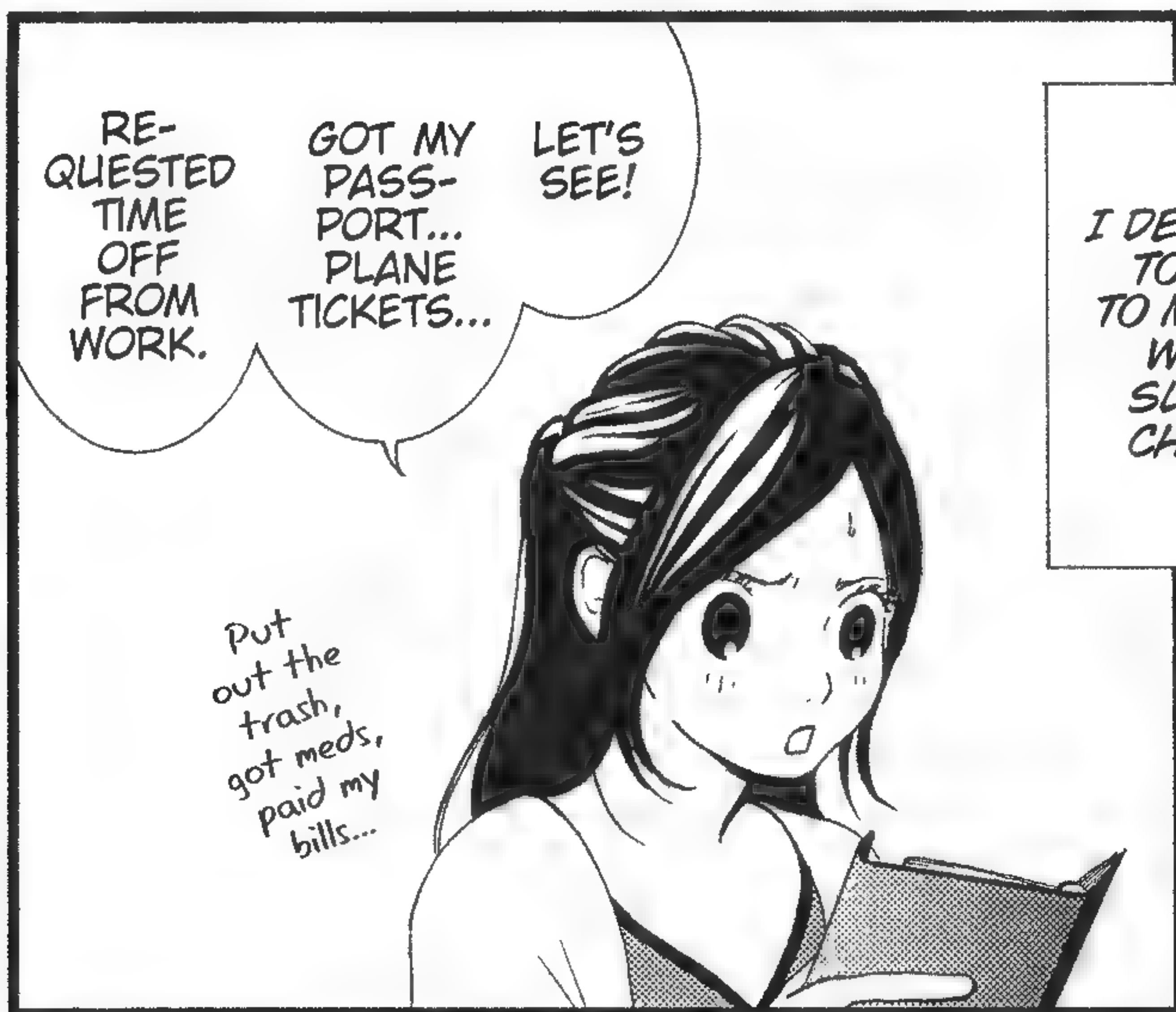
HOW  
DO YOU  
DO  
THIS?!

THIS IS  
IMPOS-  
SIBLE!!



LGH!

IT  
WON'T  
FIT!



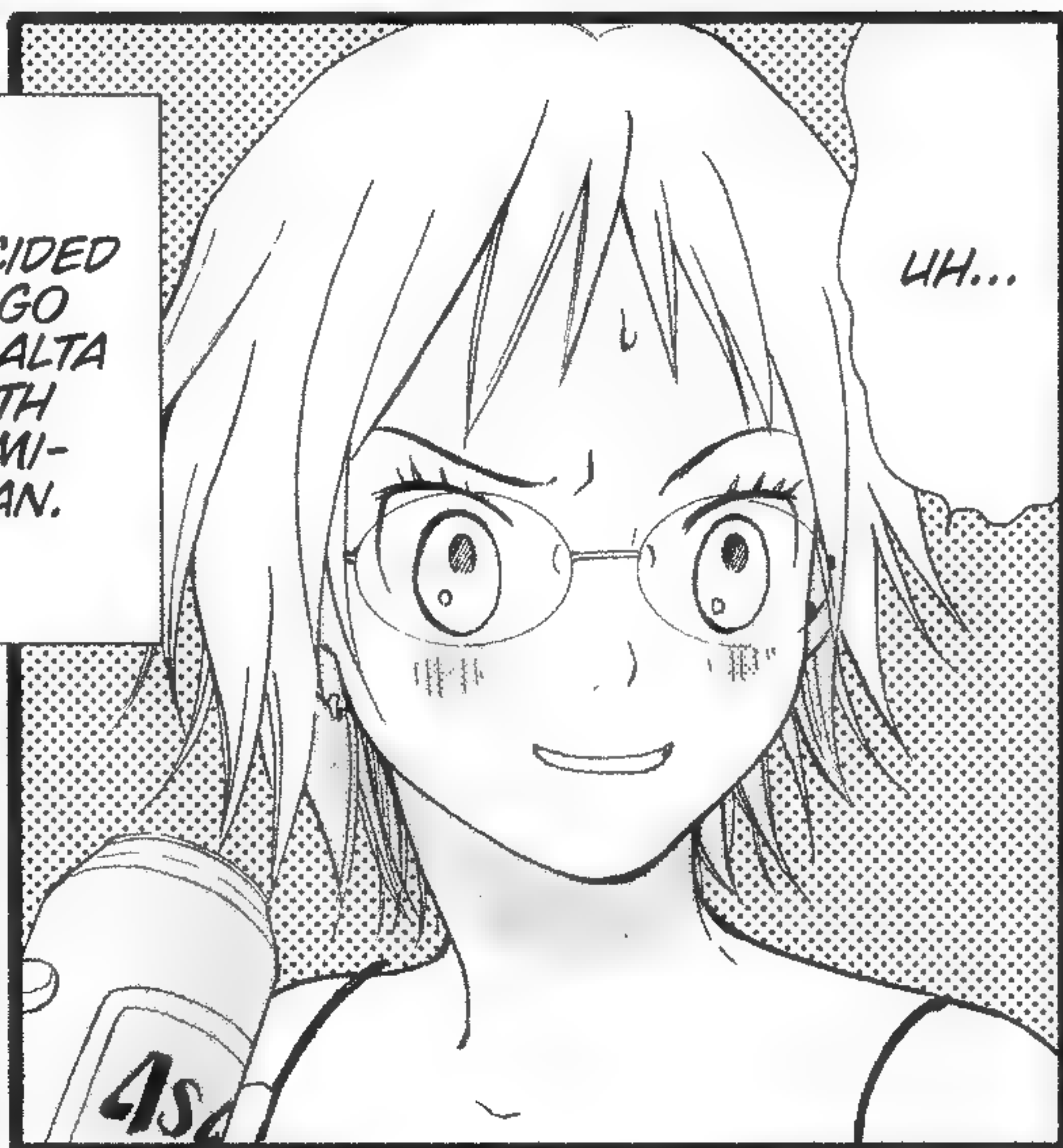
RE-  
QUESTED  
TIME  
OFF  
FROM  
WORK.

GOT MY  
PASS-  
PORT...  
PLANE  
TICKETS...

LET'S  
SEE!

Put  
out the  
trash,  
got meds,  
paid my  
bills...

I DECIDED  
TO GO  
TO MALTA  
WITH  
SUMI-  
CHAN.



UH...



DO  
YOU WANT  
TO CALL  
OFF THE  
TRIP?

Gah  
!!

LGH!  
WHAT  
A  
PAIN!!



WHY  
DON'T  
YOU  
QUIT  
YOUR  
JOB?

I CAN'T  
ON SUCH  
A SHORT  
NOTICE!

WELL,  
I'M ONLY  
GOING  
FOR TWO  
WEEKS.



I WANT  
TO SEE  
PLACES...

AND  
FEEL  
THEM...

WITH  
SUMI-  
CHAN.

OKAY!

NO,  
I'M  
GOING!

AS  
FAR AS  
WE CAN  
GO!

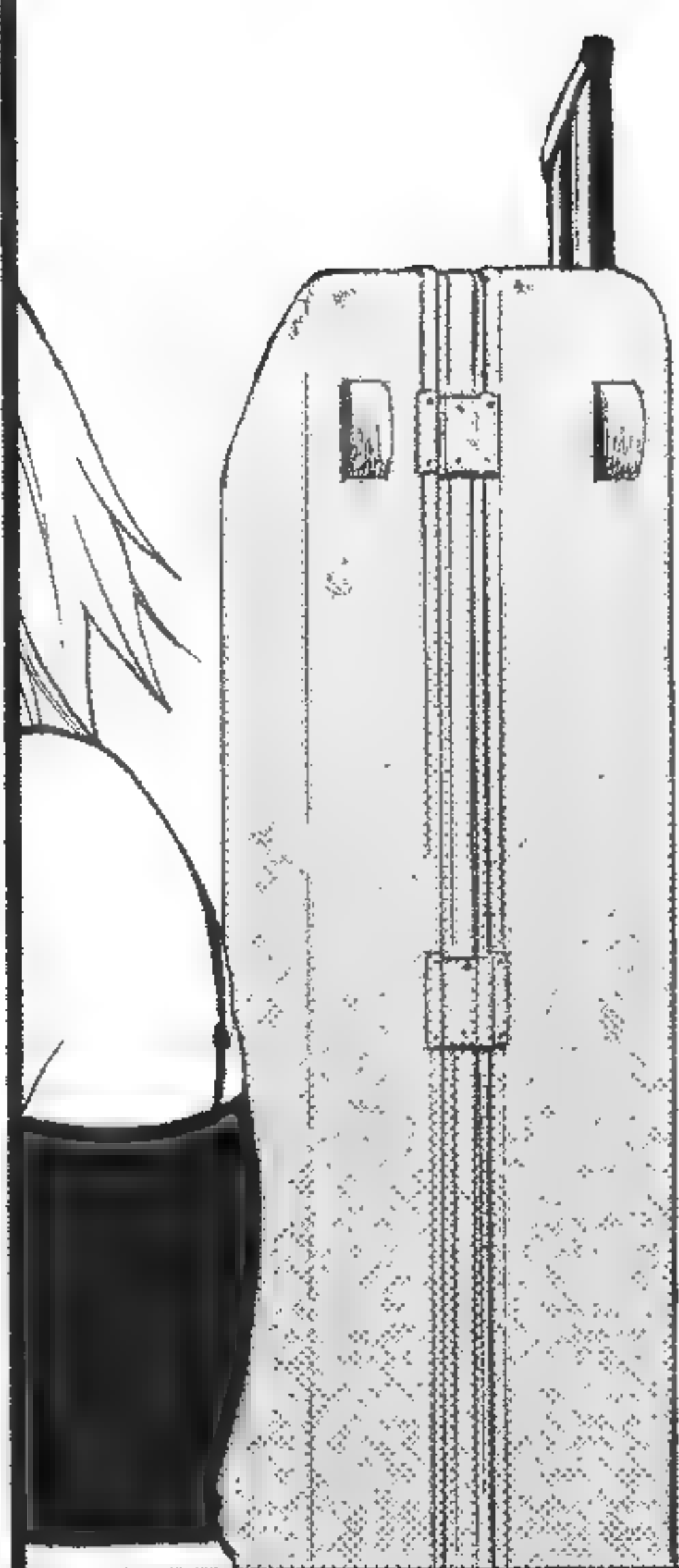
I WANT  
TO GO  
WITH  
YOU...







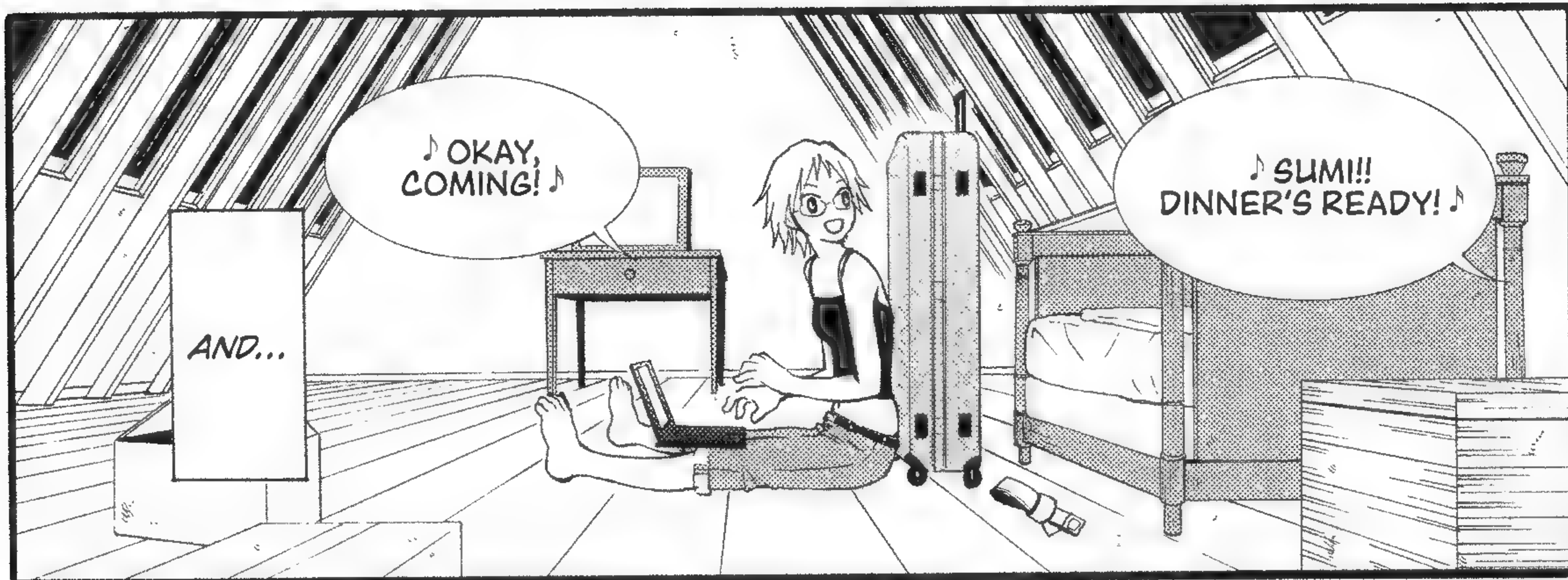
AND MY  
VOCABU-  
LARY.



MY  
BEAT-  
UP  
SUIT-  
CASE...



THE  
THINGS  
THAT I  
CHERISH  
ARE...



♪ OKAY,  
COMING! ♪

♪ SUMI!!!  
DINNER'S READY! ♪

AND...



THE  
WOMAN  
I LOVE.

I WANT  
TO SEE  
SARI!

SIGH!



I GUESS  
I'LL GO  
BACK TO  
JAPAN!



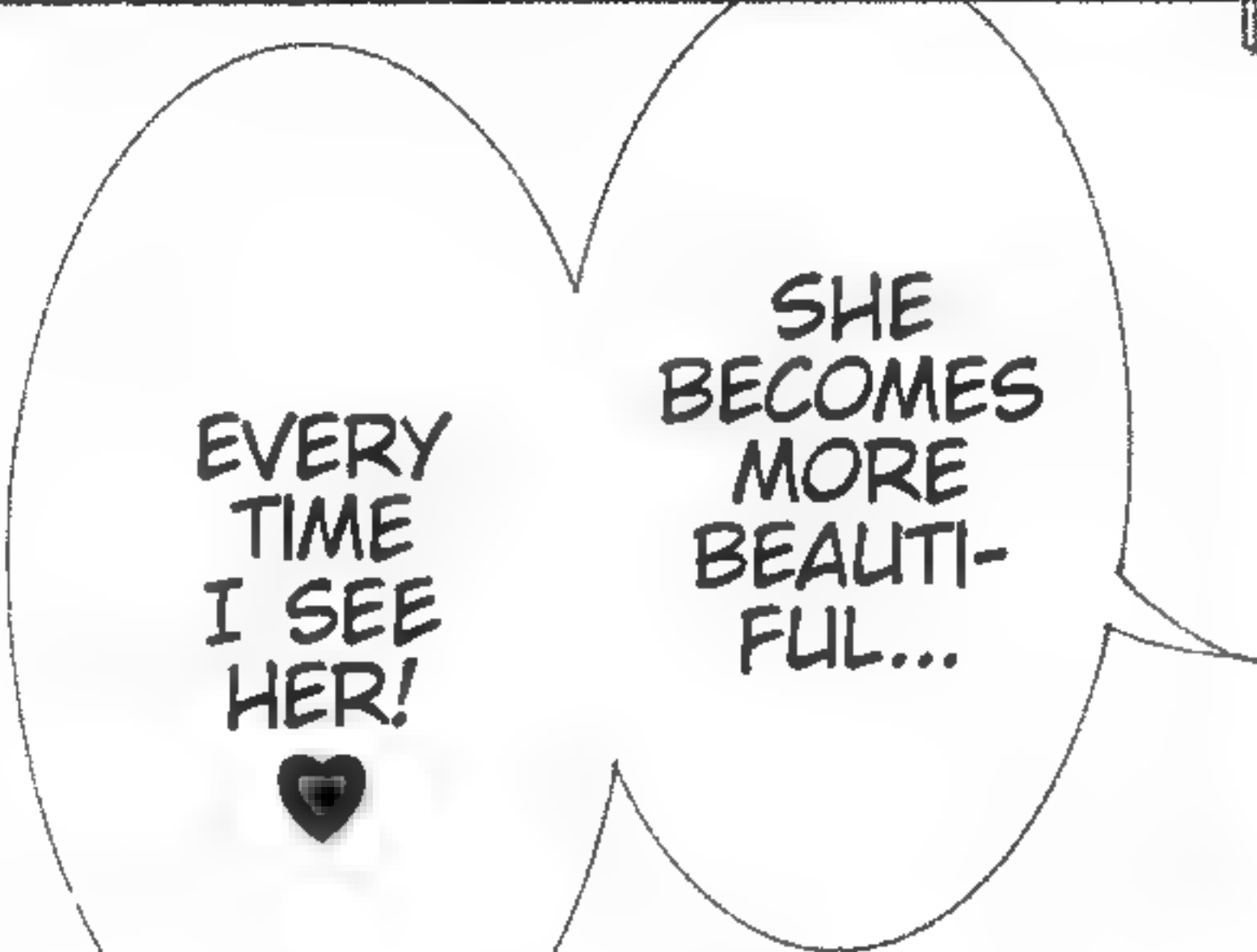
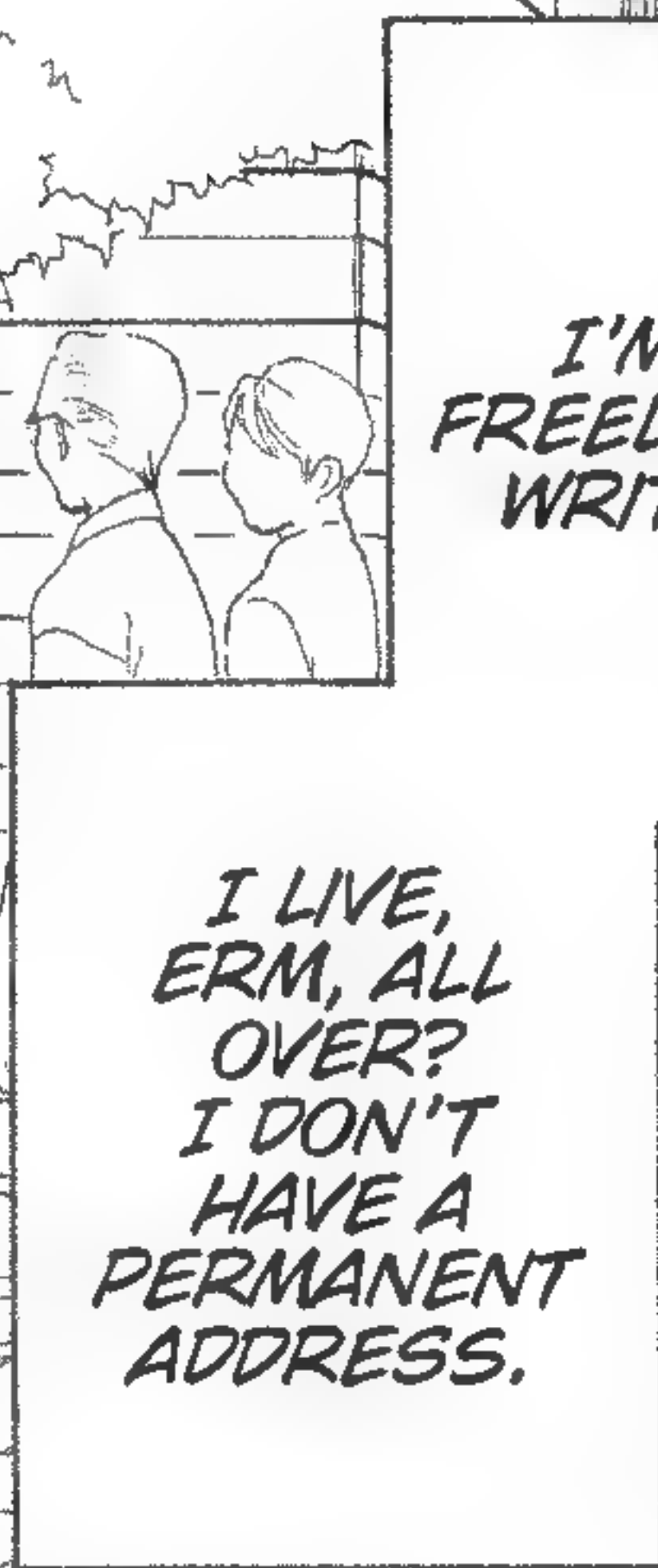
THEY'LL  
NEVER  
CHANGE.  
THEY'RE  
LIKE THE  
STARS  
SHINING  
BRIGHTLY  
IN THE  
SKY.

MY  
FEEL-  
INGS  
FOR  
HER...

I LOVE  
HER.  
I'VE  
ALWAYS  
LOVED  
HER.

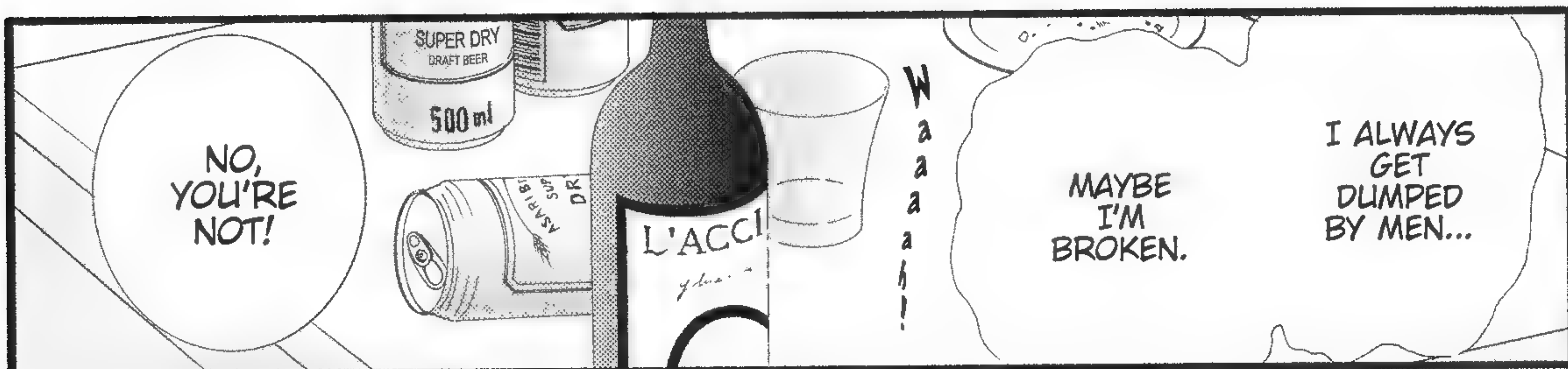
Beyond the Stars



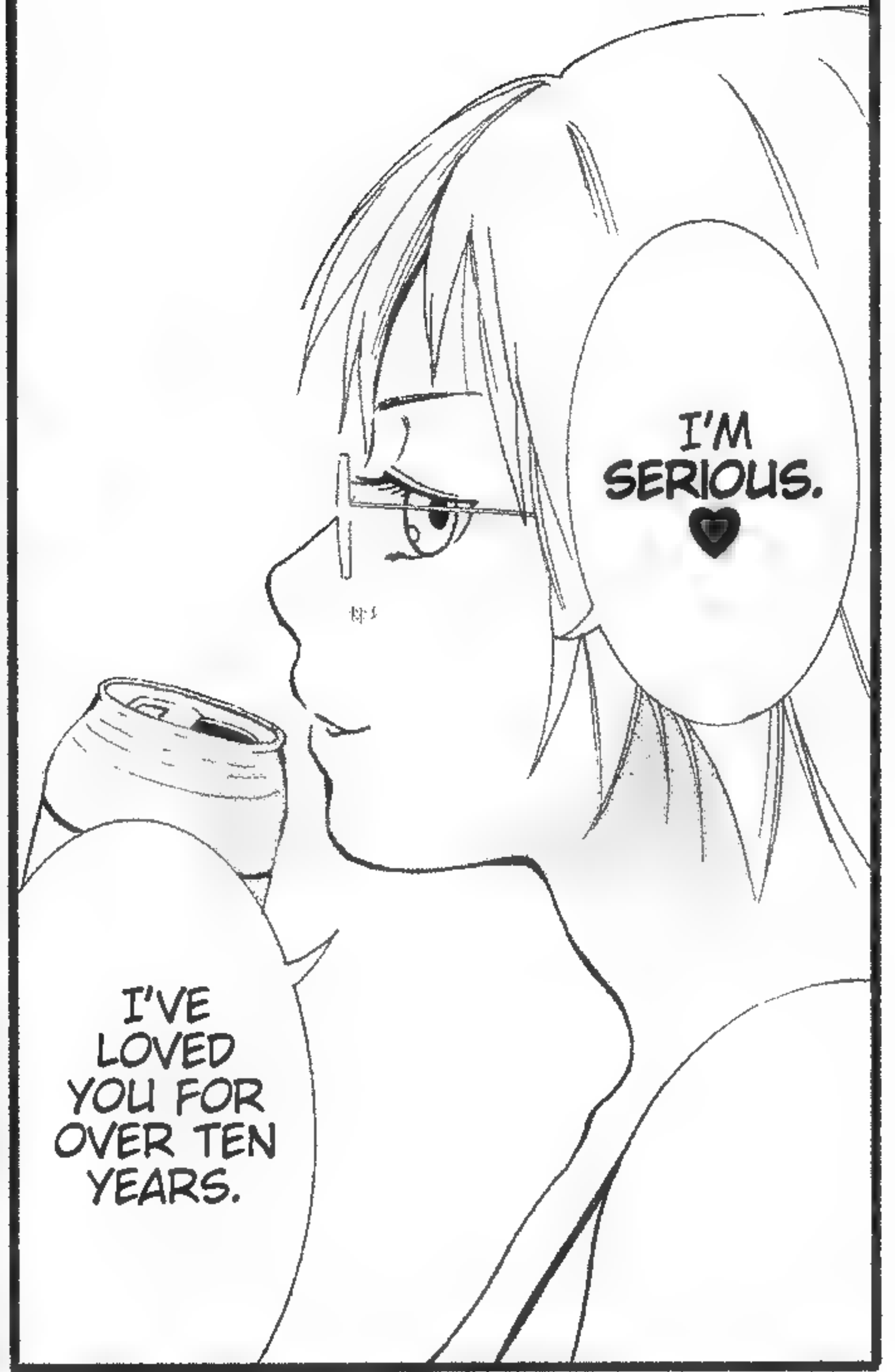


WHAT  
HAP-  
PENED  
TO  
YOU?!

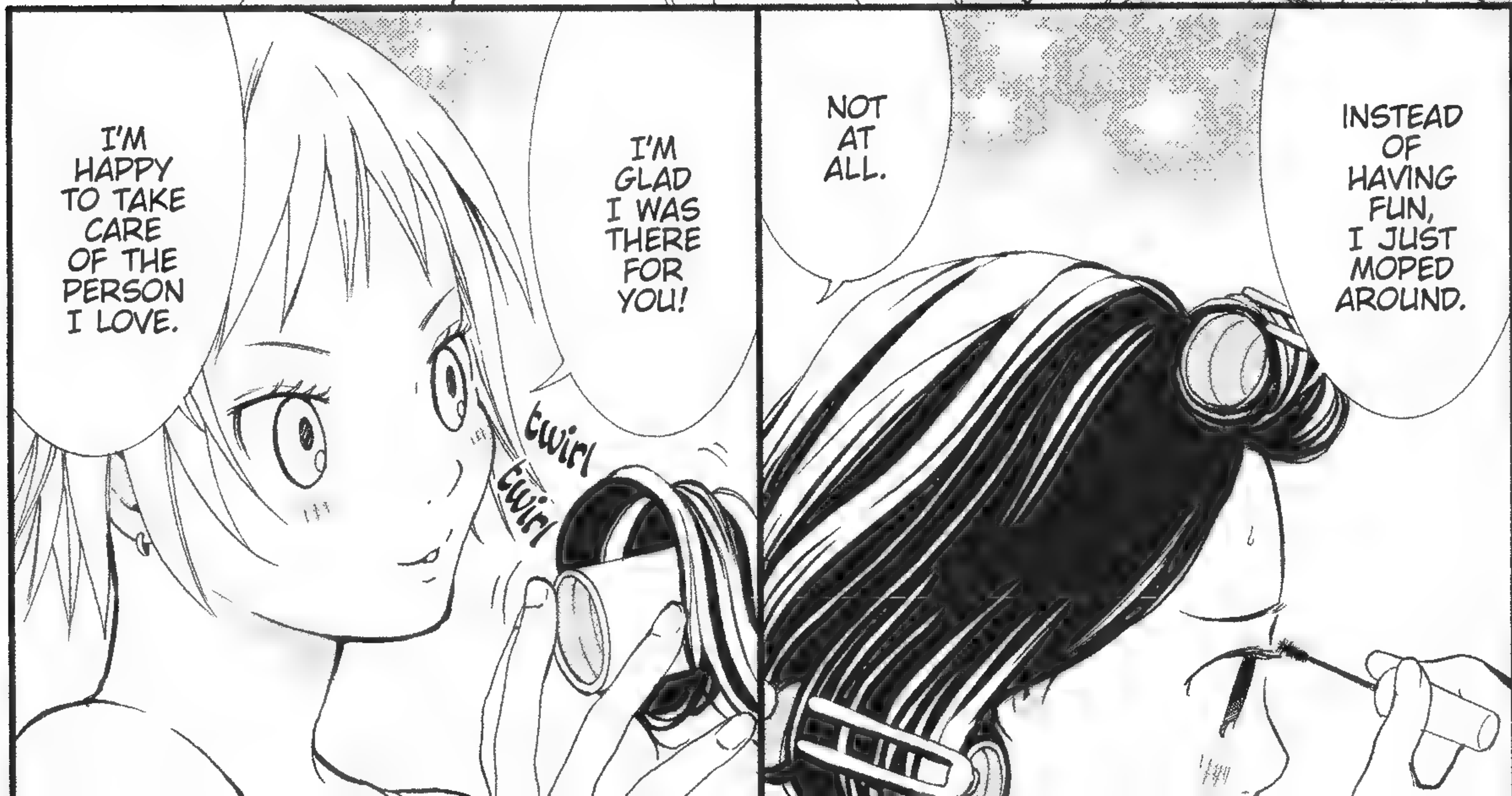
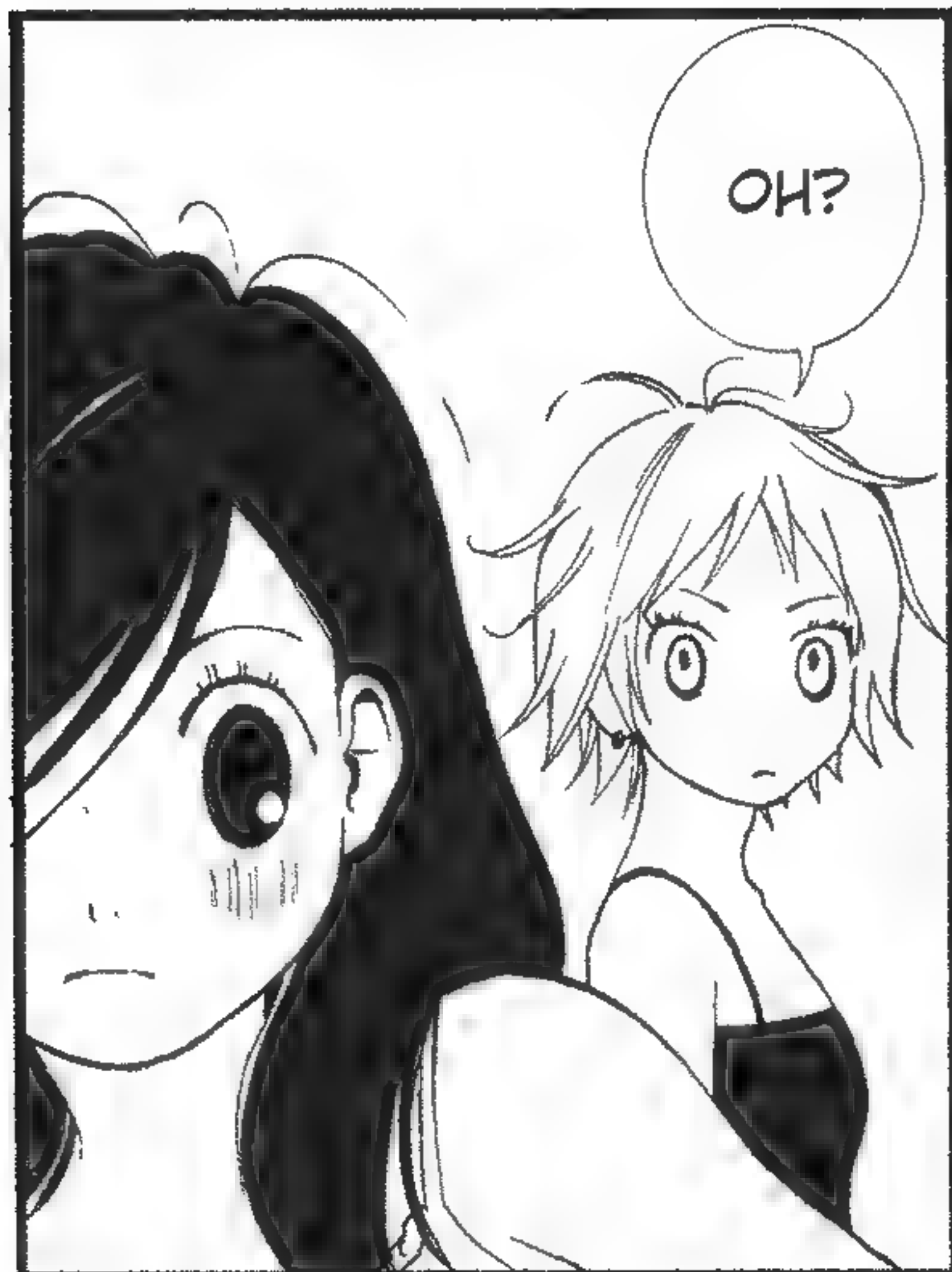
















I'VE  
HAD  
FEELINGS  
FOR  
YOU...

FOR AT  
LEAST  
TEN  
YEARS  
NOW.

BLASE...



OH, YOU  
REMEMBER  
NOW?

WHAT?

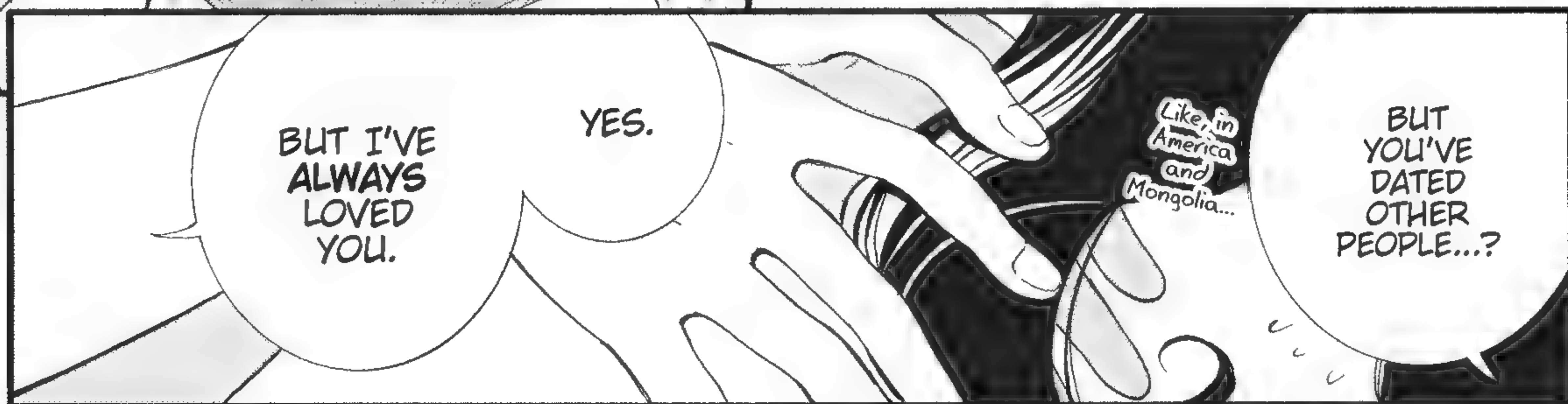
That  
wasn't a  
dream?!



Yay!

It  
came  
out  
nice!

~~~~~



BUT I'VE  
ALWAYS  
LOVED  
YOU.

YES.

Like, in  
America  
and  
Mongolia...

BUT  
YOU'VE  
DATED  
OTHER  
PEOPLE...?



THAT'S  
ALL.

I  
JUST  
LOVE  
YOU.



I'M NOT  
EXPECTING  
AN  
ANSWER.

HA  
HA  
HA!

DON'T  
LOOK SO  
STUNNED!





DID IT  
EVER HURT,  
LOVING  
ME IN  
SECRET?

I NEVER  
REALIZED  
IT.

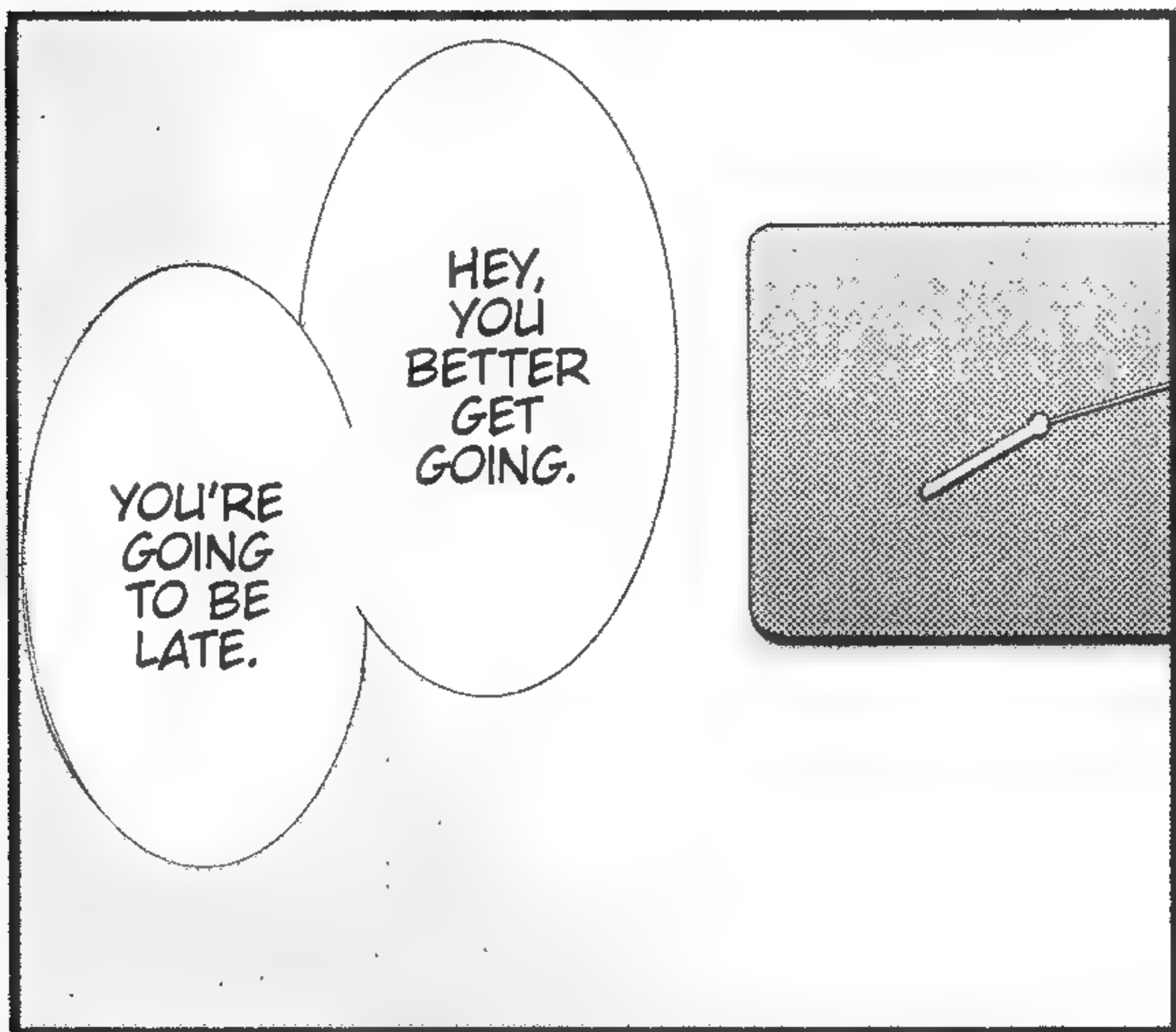


SORRY.  
DOES IT  
BOTHER  
YOU?

NO,  
IT'S  
JUST  
...!

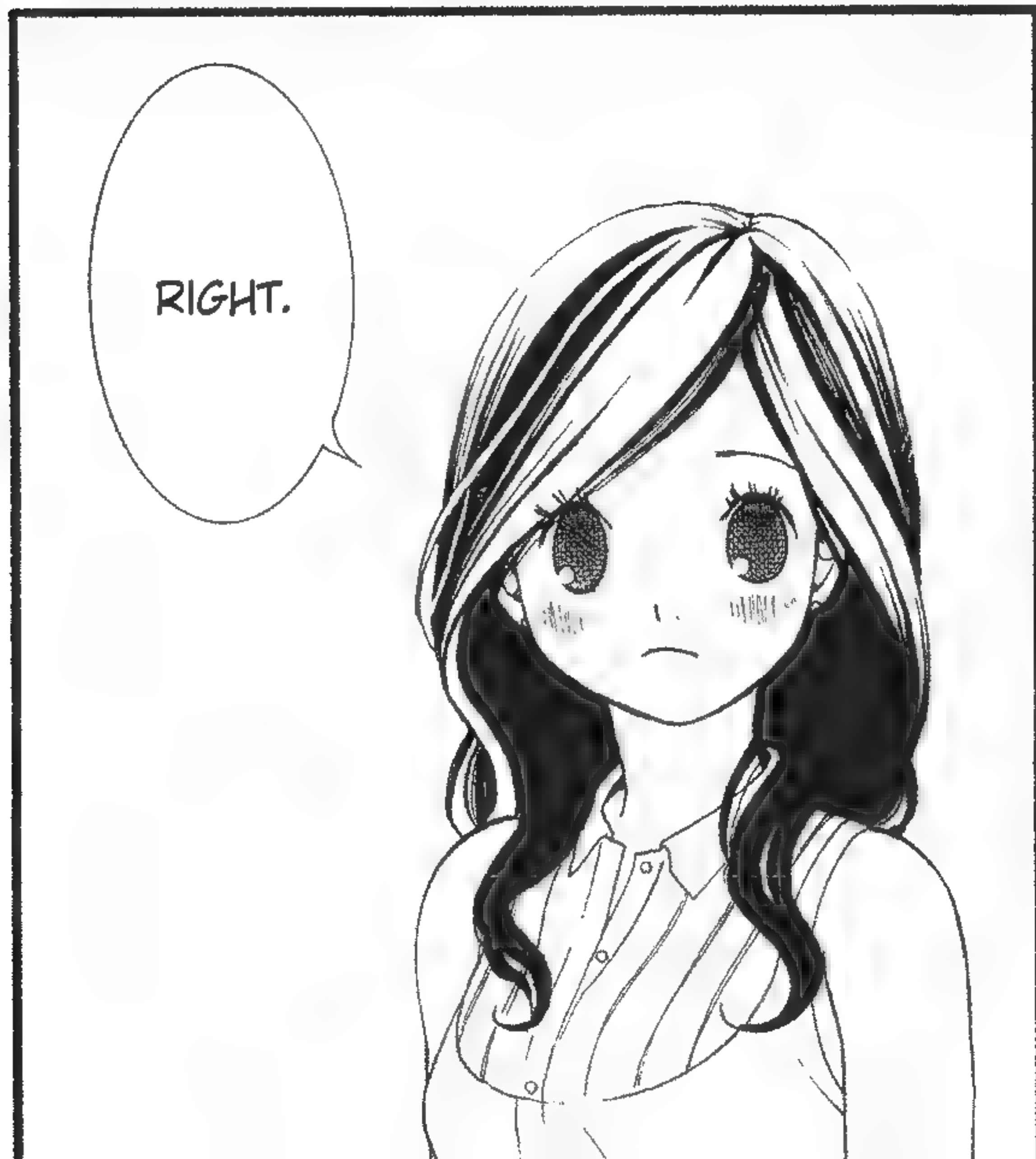


GRAB...



YOU'RE  
GOING  
TO BE  
LATE.

HEY,  
YOU  
BETTER  
GET  
GOING.



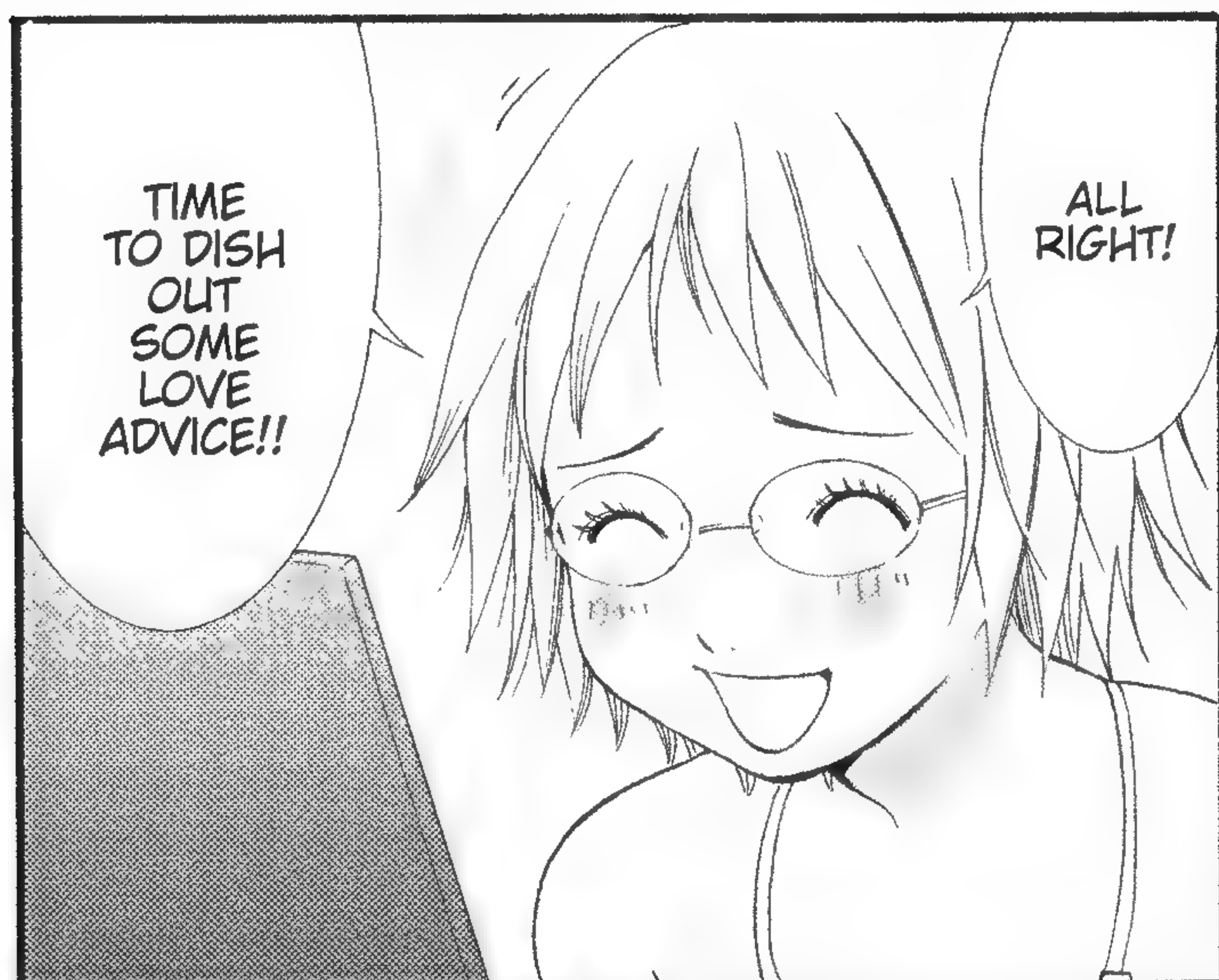
RIGHT.



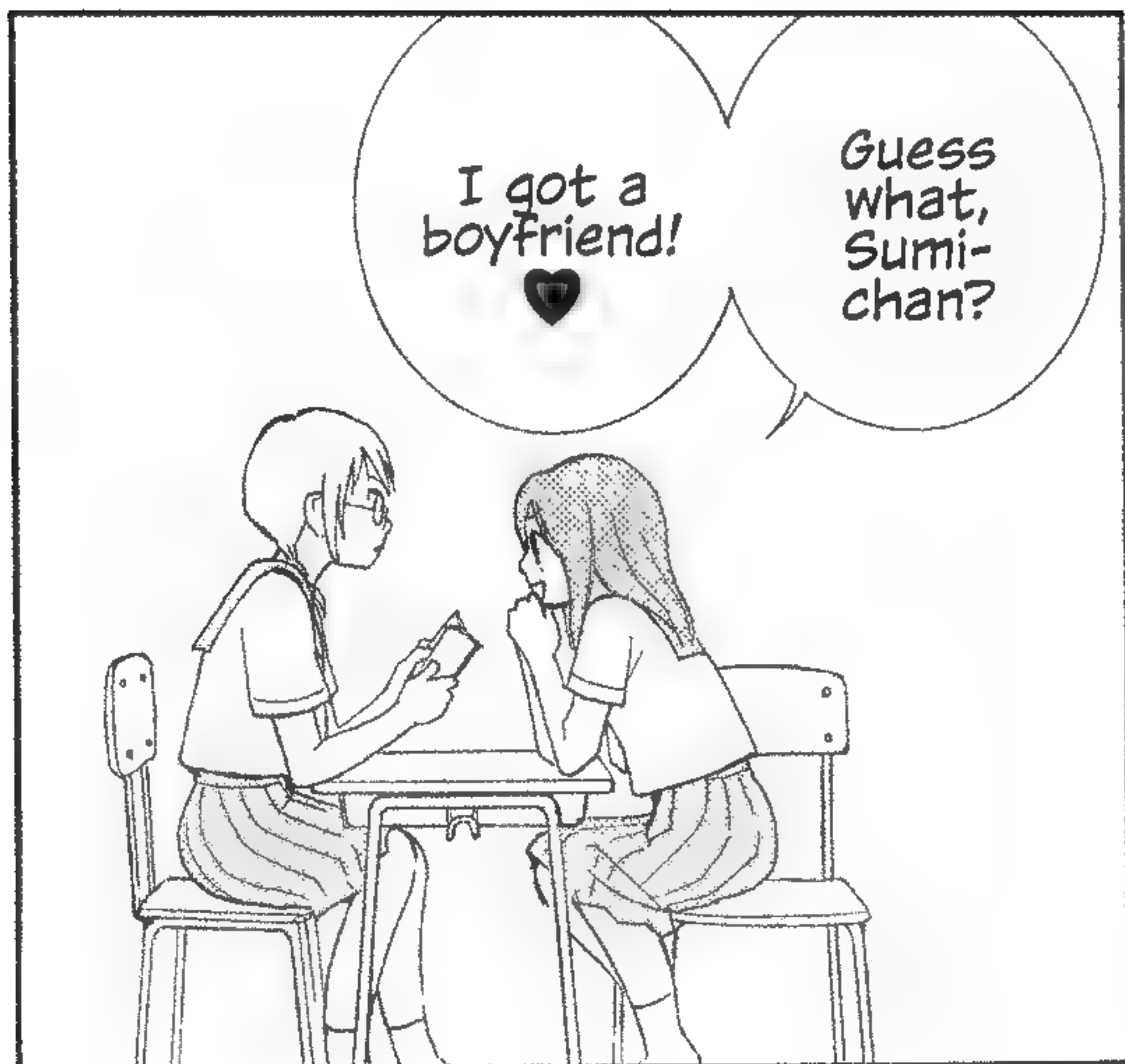
I  
DON'T  
KNOW!

I DON'T  
REMEMBER  
ANYTHING  
LIKE THAT.









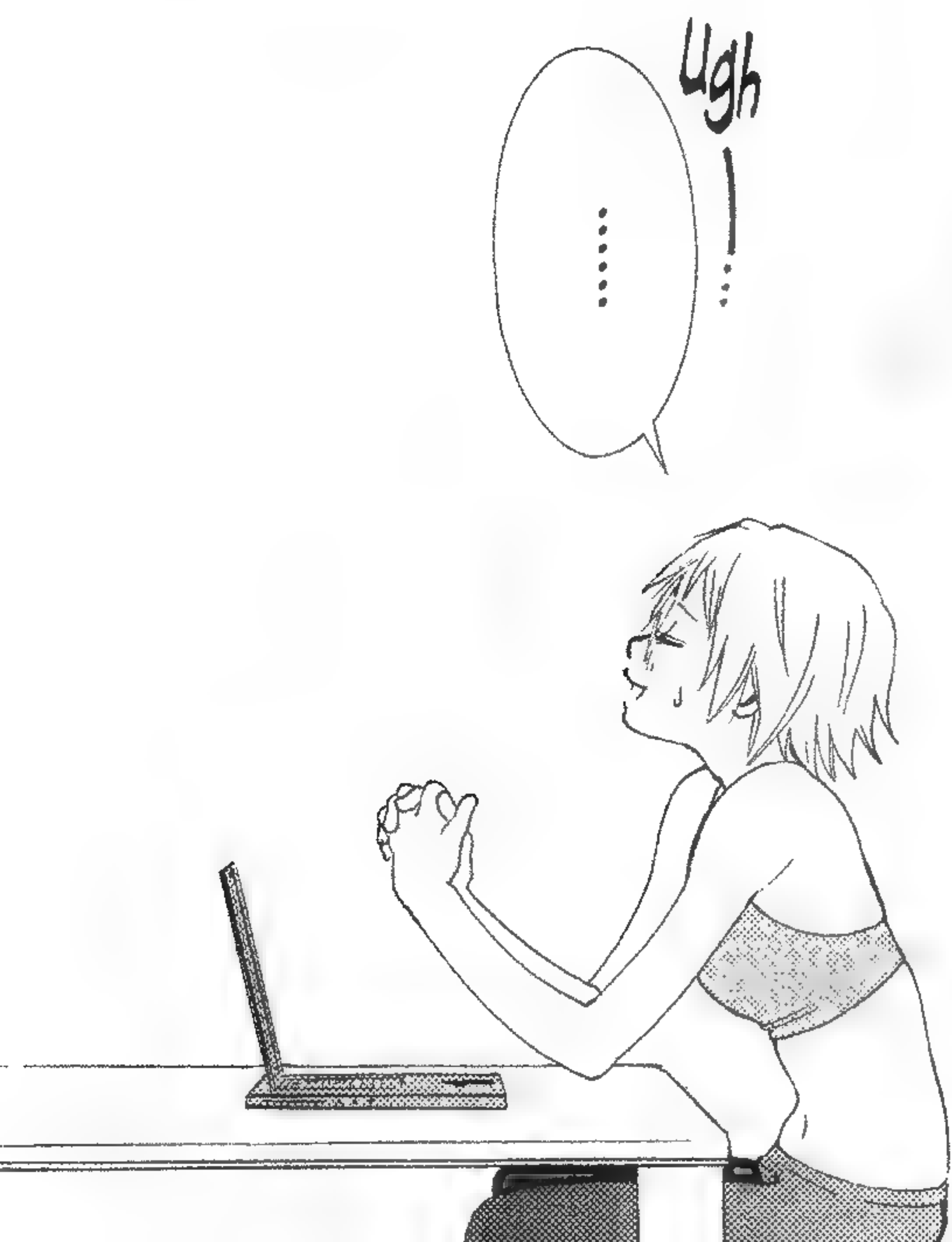
IT TOOK  
ME FIVE  
YEARS TO  
GIVE UP  
ON HER.



I WANTED  
HER ALL TO  
MYSELF.



BECAUSE  
I LOVED  
HER SO  
MUCH...



Ugh  
...

I WAS  
HURT AND  
MISERABLE.  
I WAS A  
MESS.



I  
HOPED  
THEY'D  
BREAK  
UP.

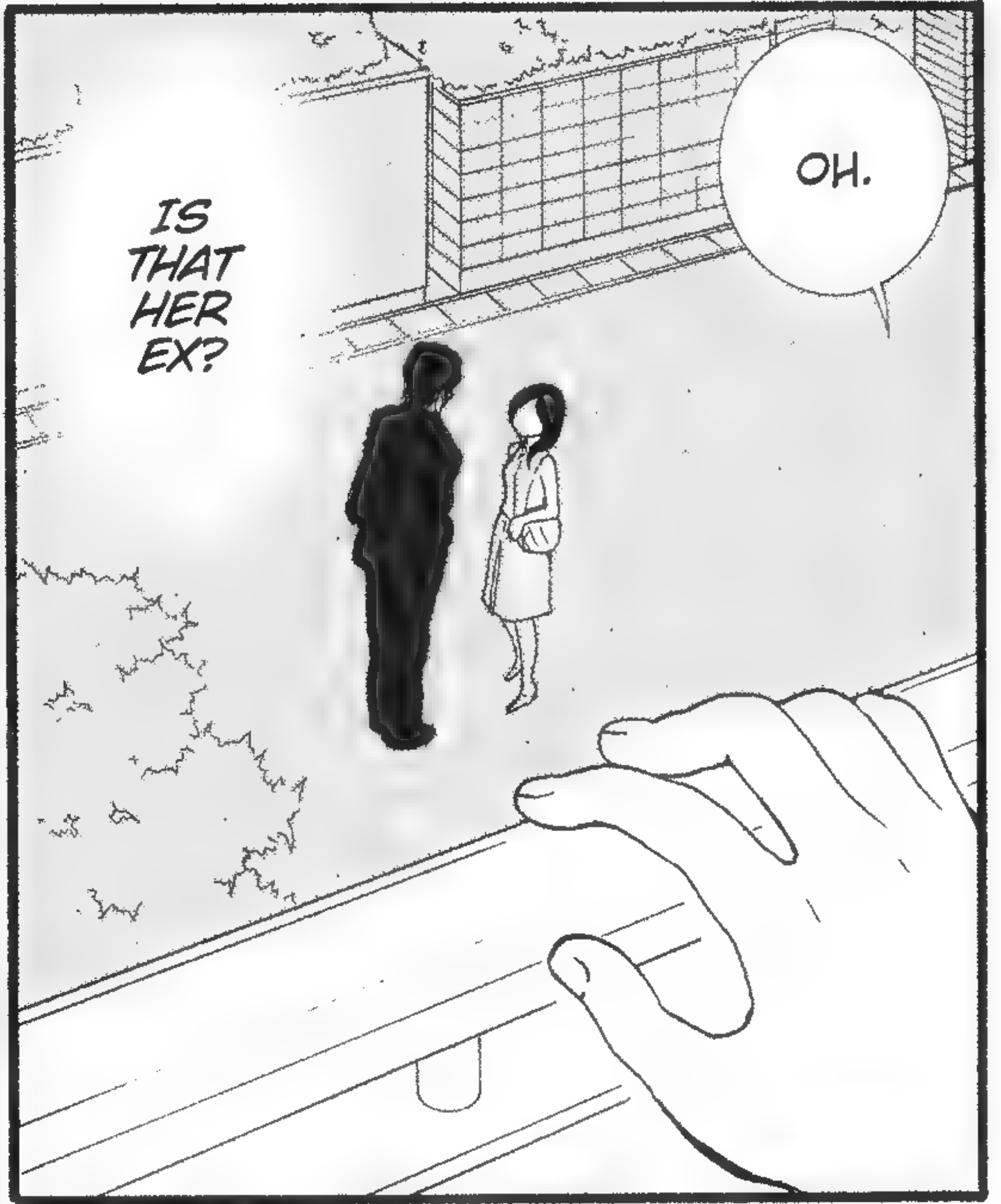
I  
DIDN'T  
WANT HER  
TO BE WITH  
ANYONE  
BUT ME.





IT MAY  
BE ROUGH  
NOW, BUT  
SOME-  
DAY...

HM?







I  
MEAN  
IT.

I  
REALLY  
AM.

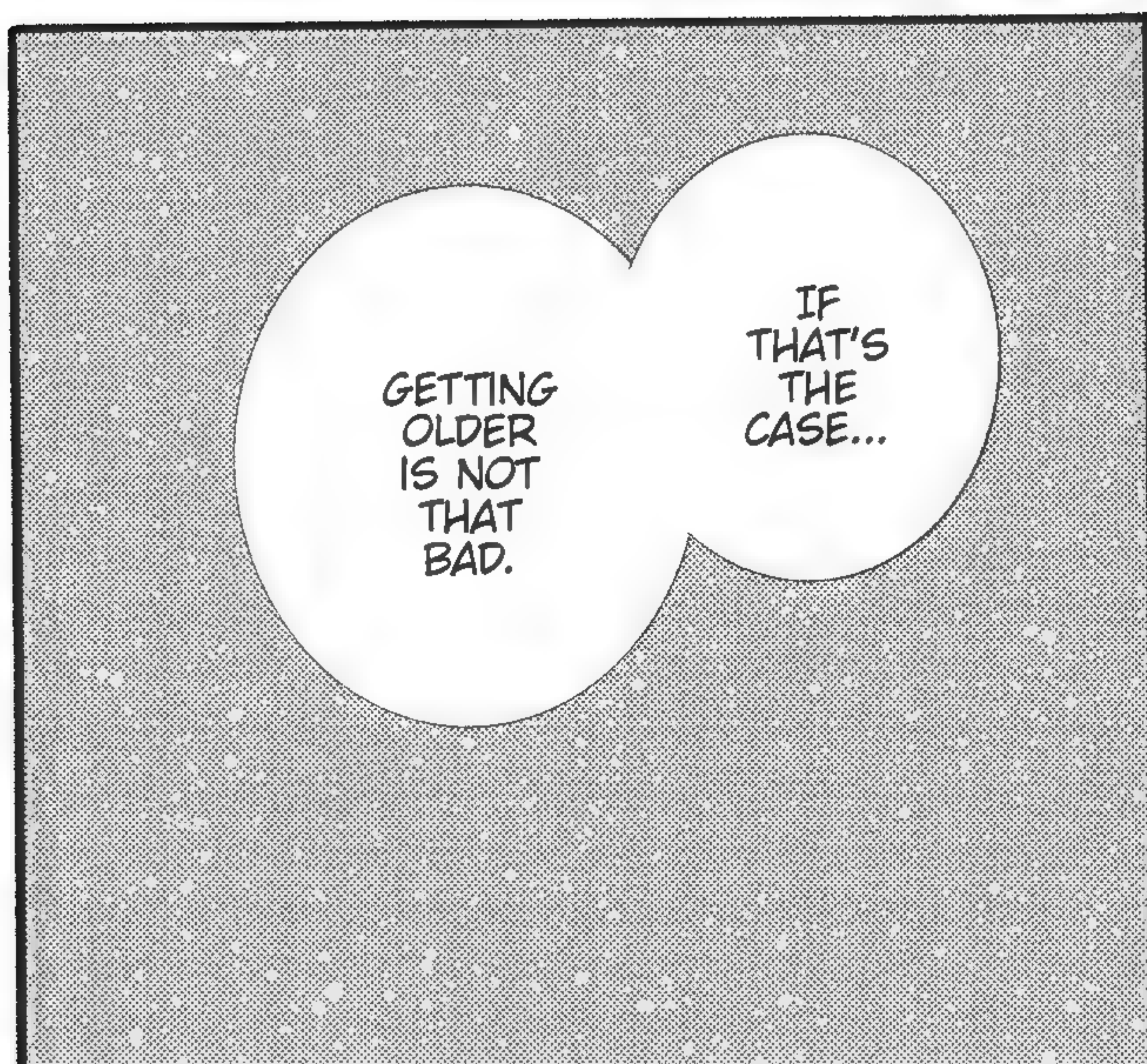
I'M  
HAPPY  
FOR  
HER.

I'D BE  
ABLE  
TO LOVE  
HER  
LIKE THIS  
WHEN  
I WAS  
YOUNGER.

I NEVER  
THOUGHT...

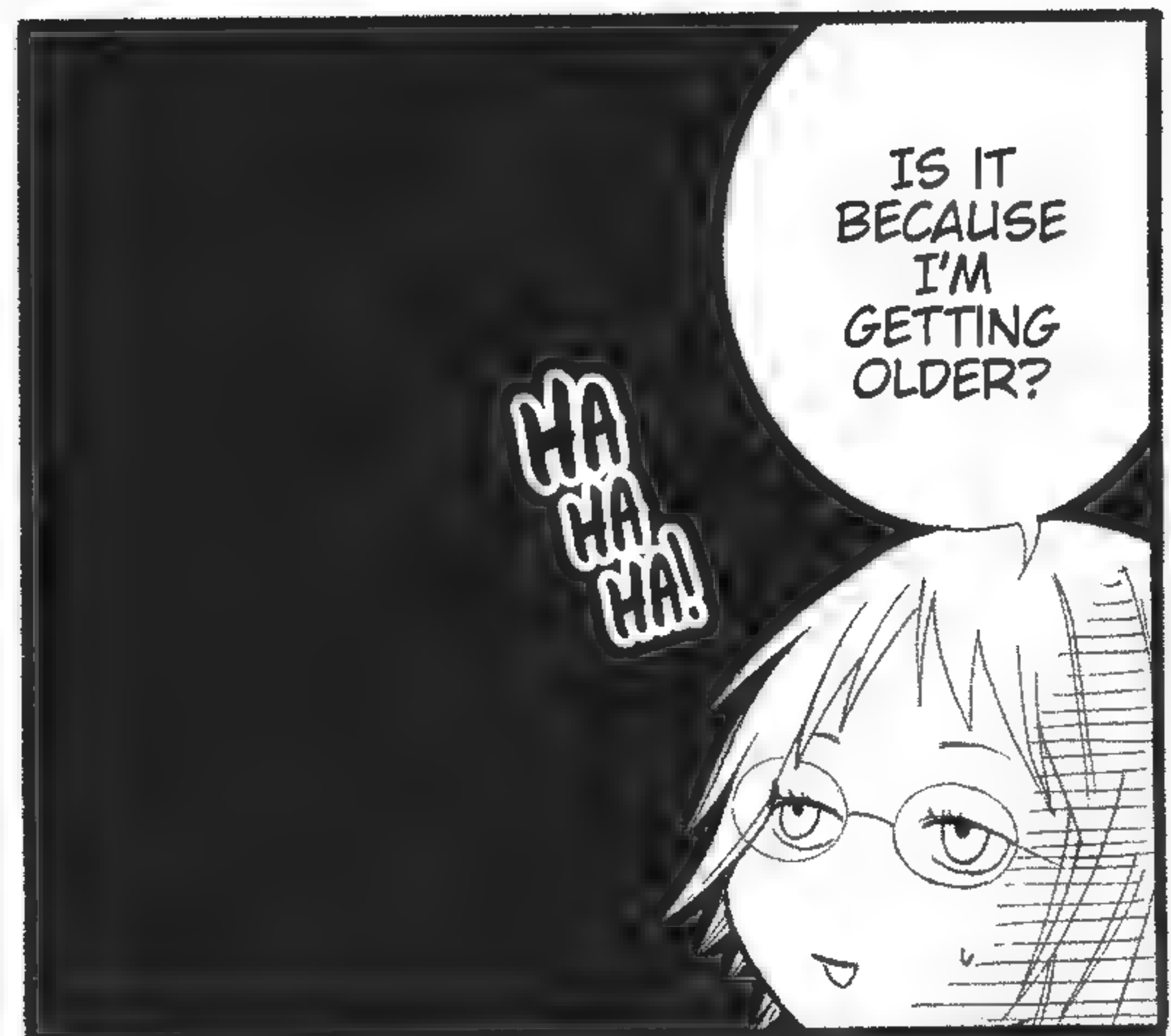
I  
LOVE  
HER.

I'VE  
ALWAYS  
LOVED  
HER.



GETTING  
OLDER  
IS NOT  
THAT  
BAD.

IF  
THAT'S  
THE  
CASE...



IS IT  
BECAUSE  
I'M  
GETTING  
OLDER?

HA  
HA  
HA!





HE WAS YOUR EX, RIGHT?

THE GUY YOU WERE TALKING TO OUT-SIDE...

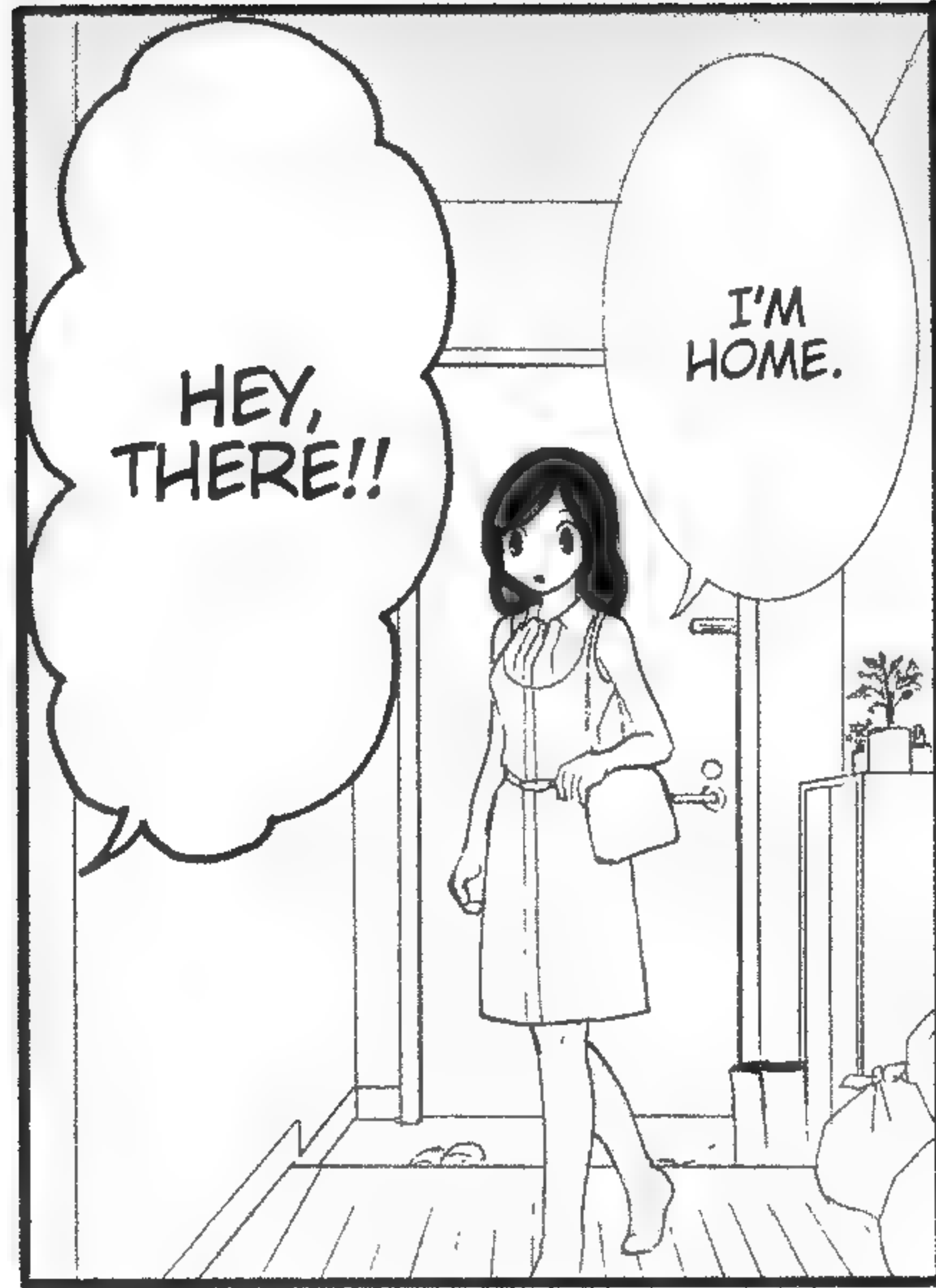
YOU SAW US?!



Spin

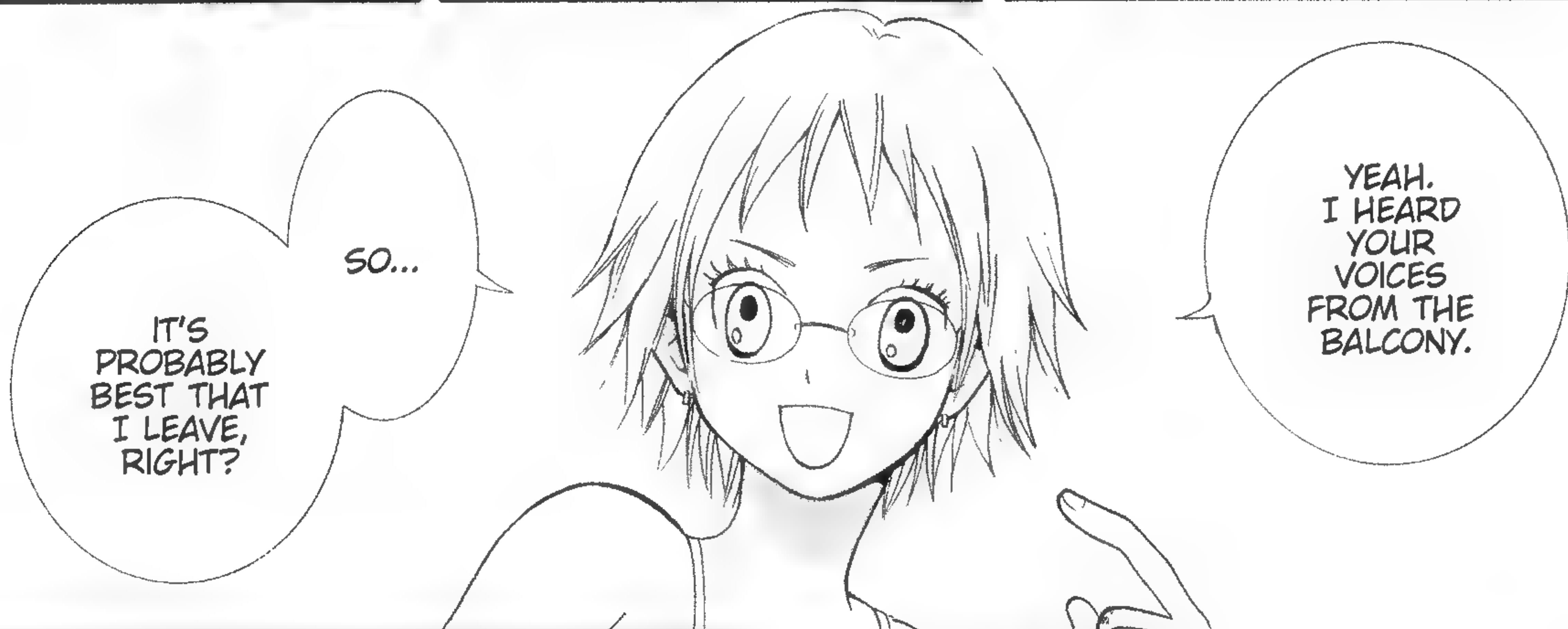
SARI, I'LL GET GOING!

HUH? WHY?!



HEY, THERE!!

I'M HOME.



IT'S PROBABLY BEST THAT I LEAVE, RIGHT?

SO...

YEAH. I HEARD YOUR VOICES FROM THE BALCONY.



HE'S GOT A NEW GIRL-FRIEND.

WE'RE DONE FOR GOOD.



WAIT! YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!!

HUH?

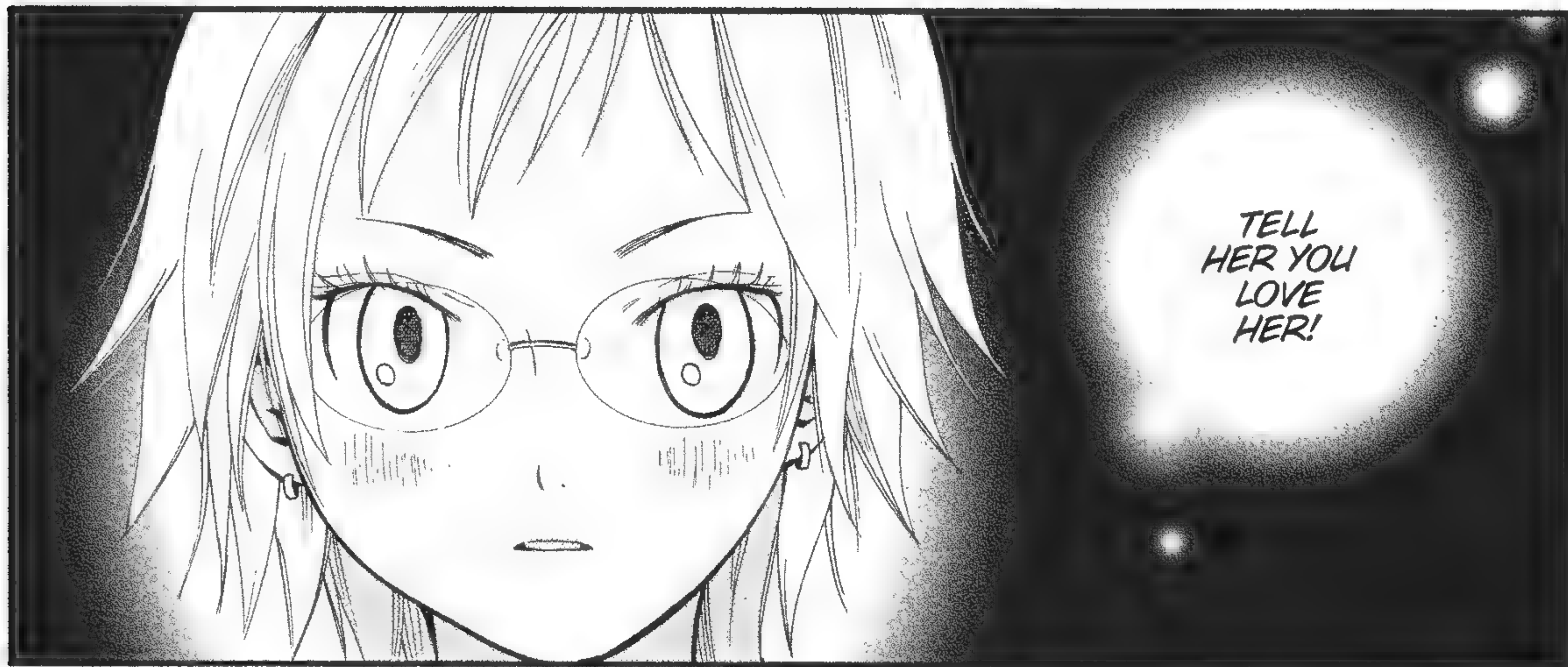




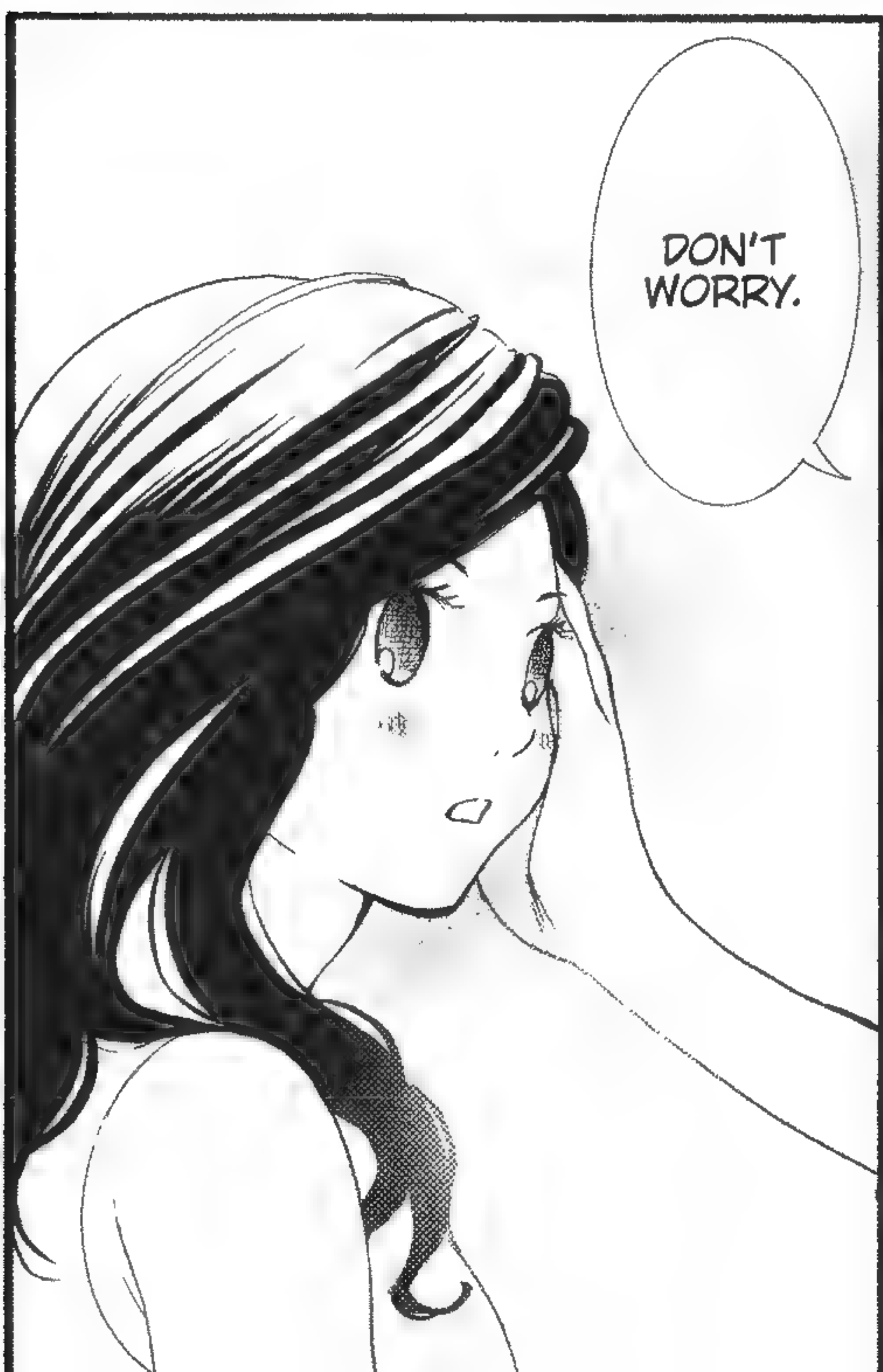
BUT I  
HOPE I  
CAN LAUGH  
ABOUT IT  
SOMEDAY.

JUST  
LIKE  
YOU.

IT  
STILL  
HURTS.



TELL  
HER YOU  
LOVE  
HER!



DON'T  
WORRY.



WELL...

SO  
WHAT?



WILL  
SHE  
BRUSH  
IT OFF  
AGAIN?



LOVE  
YOU,  
SARI.



I'LL  
ALWAYS...



THANK  
YOU.

!



PRESS

GOING  
ON.

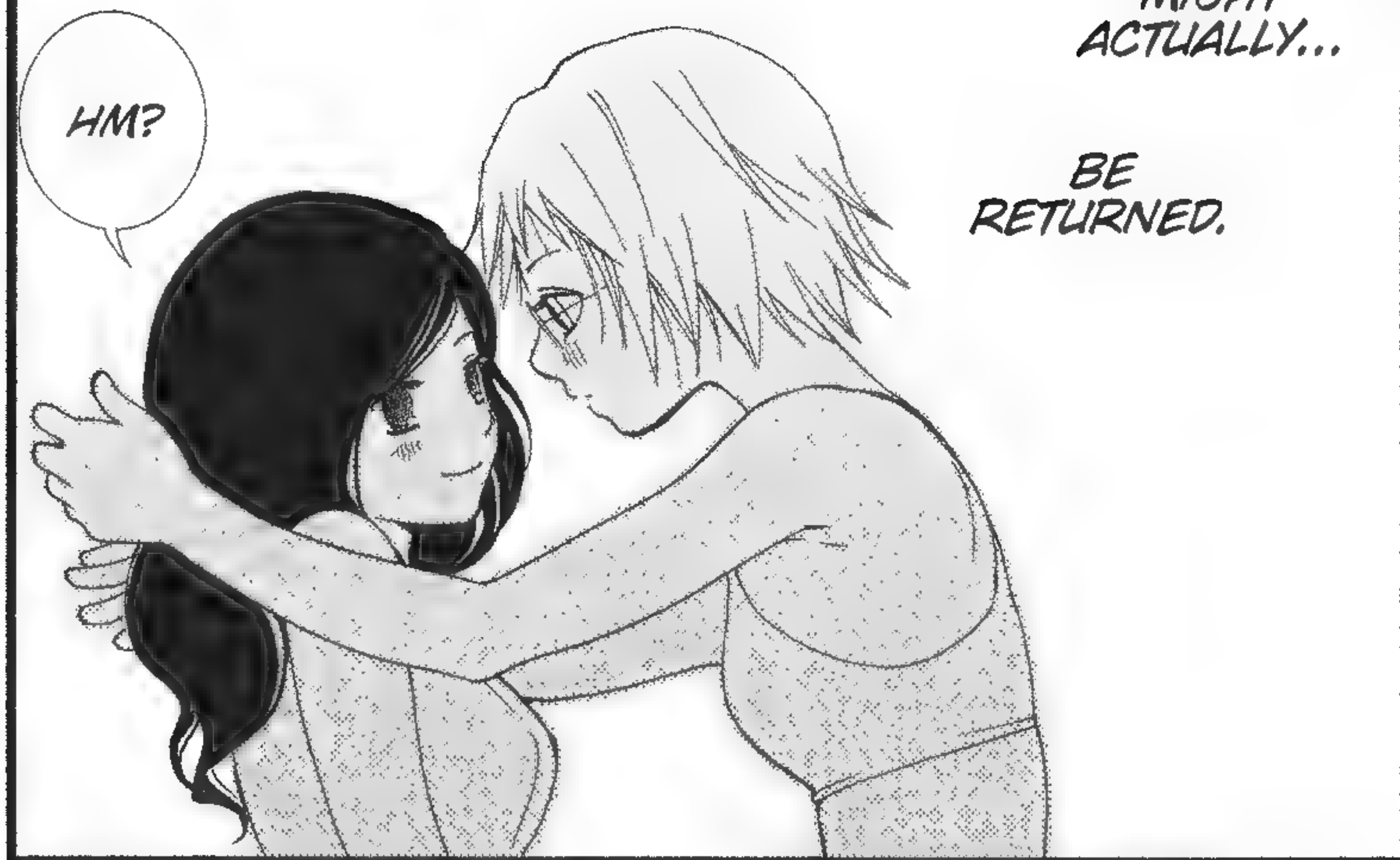
SOME-  
THING'S...



WAIT, A  
MINUTE.

I'VE  
NEVER  
SEEN  
HER LIKE  
THIS  
BEFORE.





MY  
LOVE  
MIGHT  
ACTUALLY...

BE  
RETURNED.

HM?

SOMETHING  
I THOUGHT  
WOULD  
NEVER  
CHANGE...

MIGHT BE  
CHANGING.



IS  
THIS  
OKAY?



RIGHT  
NOW,  
IT'S JUST  
A SLIGHT  
HUNCH  
I HAVE.





OH.

MAKE  
A FACE  
LIKE THIS  
BEFORE.

I'VE  
NEVER  
SEEN  
YOU...



I WANT  
TO SEE  
MORE.

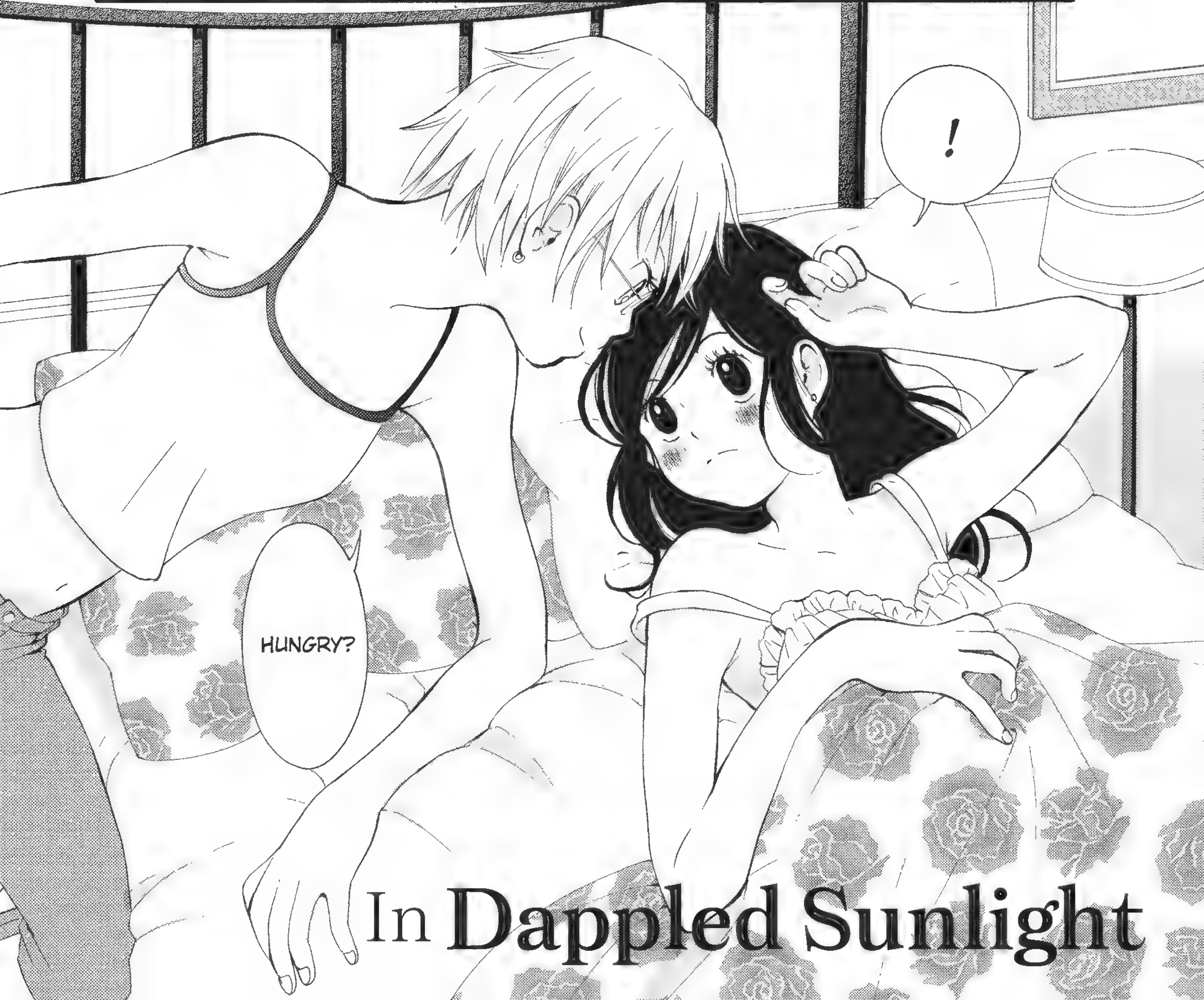
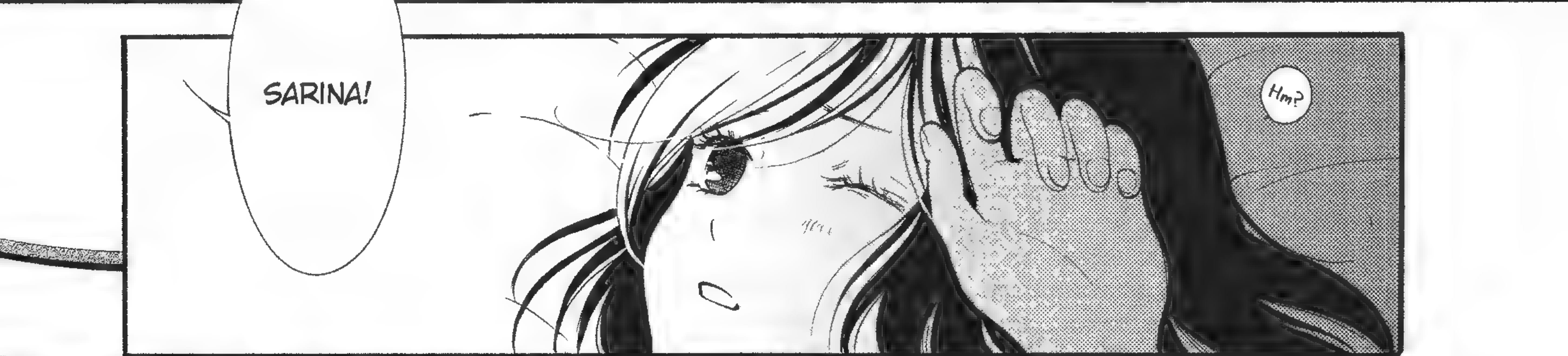
SARINA?



ONLY  
ME.

SHOW  
ME.





In Dappled Sunlight





WE'RE  
AT SUMI-  
CHAN'S  
FRIEND'S  
PLACE.

YESTER-  
DAY, WE  
ARRIVED  
IN MALTA.



HUH?  
OH,  
YEAH!



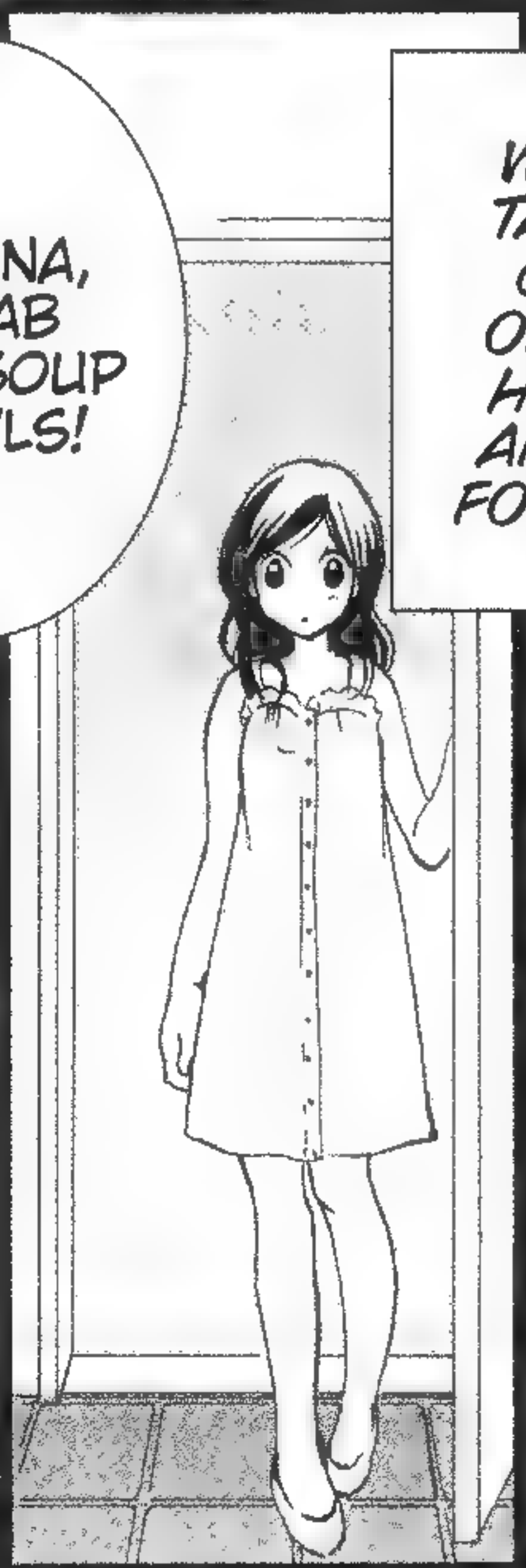
YOU'RE  
NOT  
LATE.

I'M  
LATE  
FOR WO--

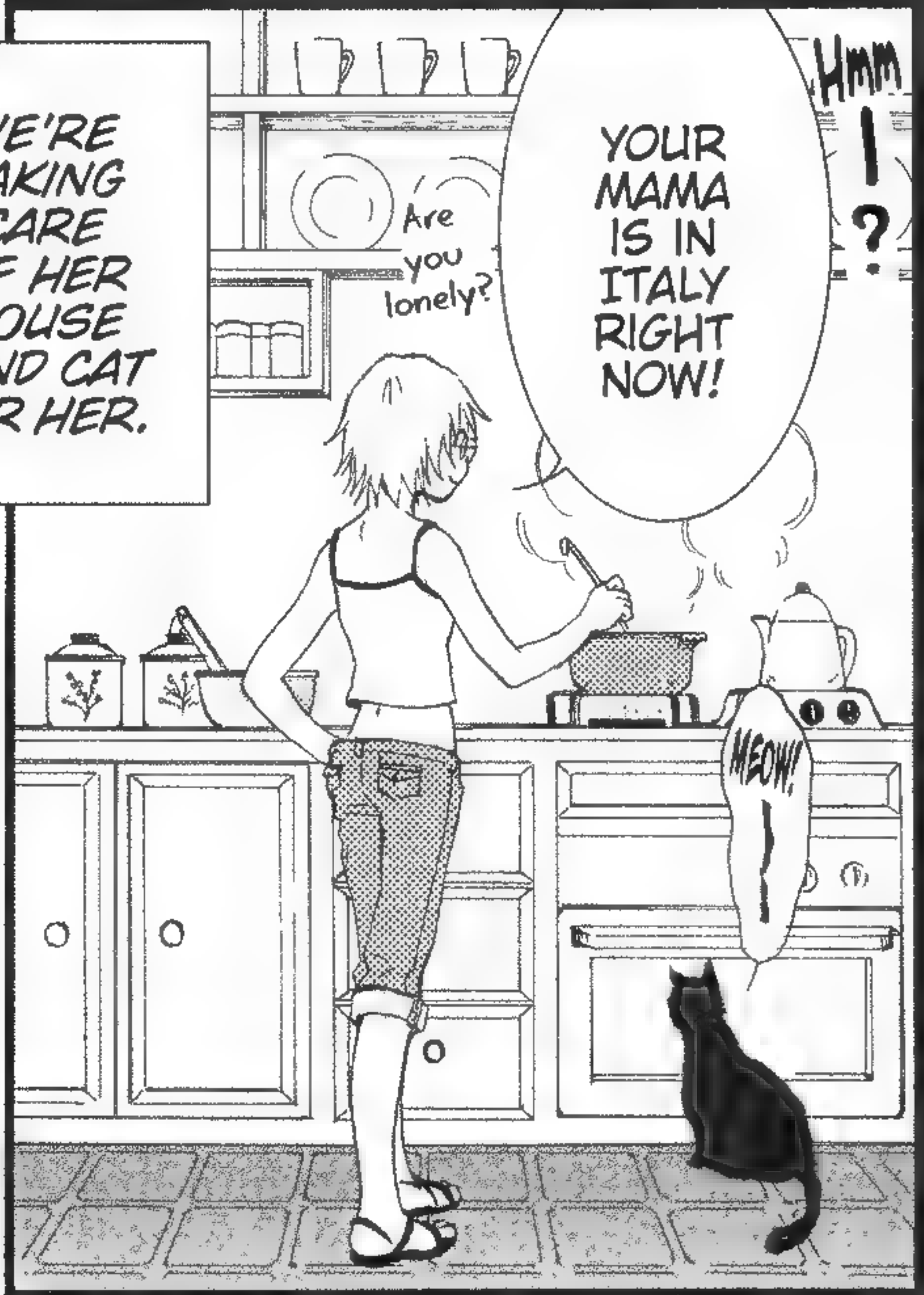
IT'S  
MORN-  
ING?!



SARINA,  
GRAB  
THE SOUP  
BOWLS!



WE'RE  
TAKING  
CARE  
OF HER  
HOUSE  
AND CAT  
FOR HER.



YOUR  
MAMA  
IS IN  
ITALY  
RIGHT  
NOW!

Are  
you  
lonely?

Hmm  
!?

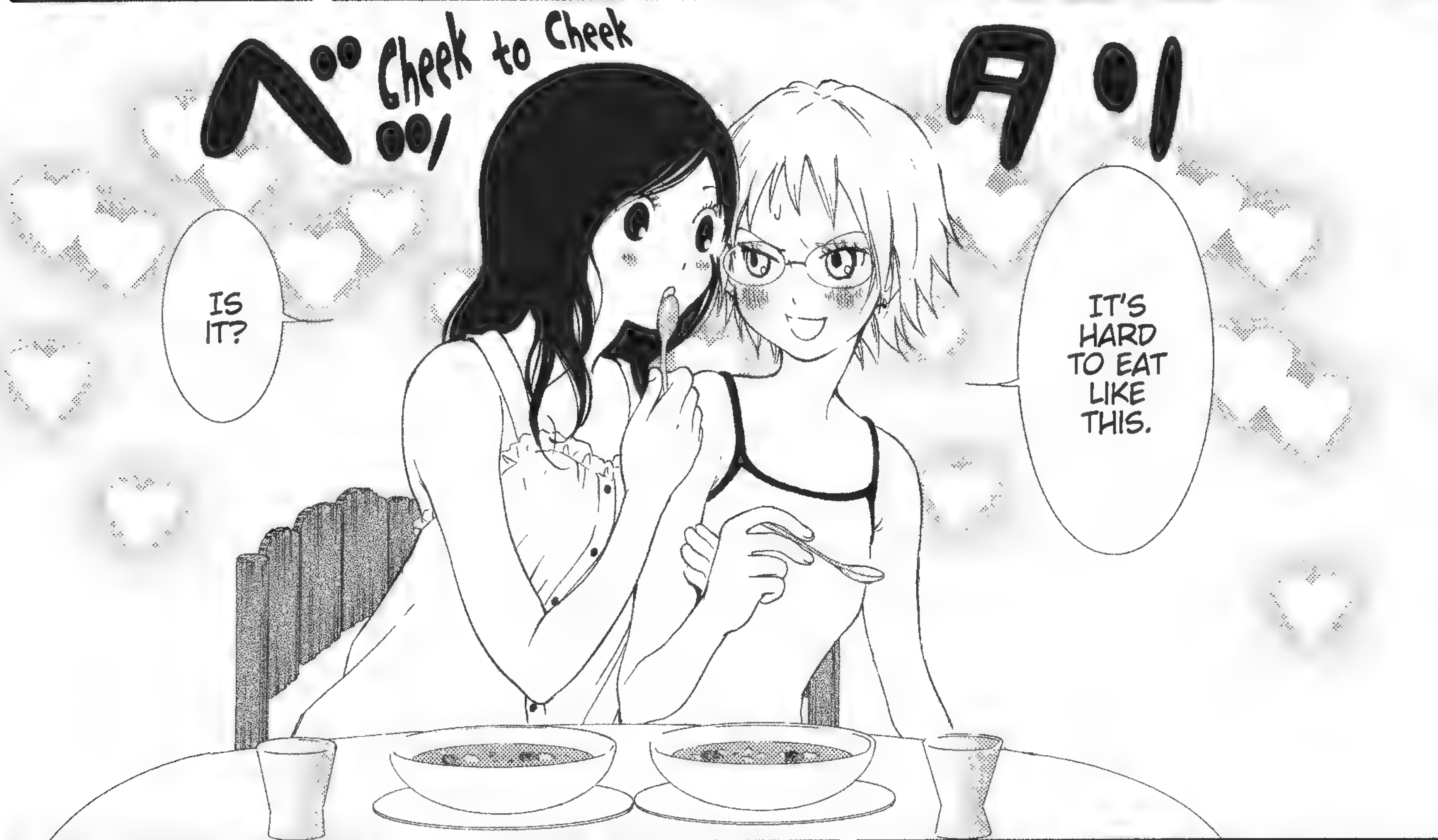
MEOW!



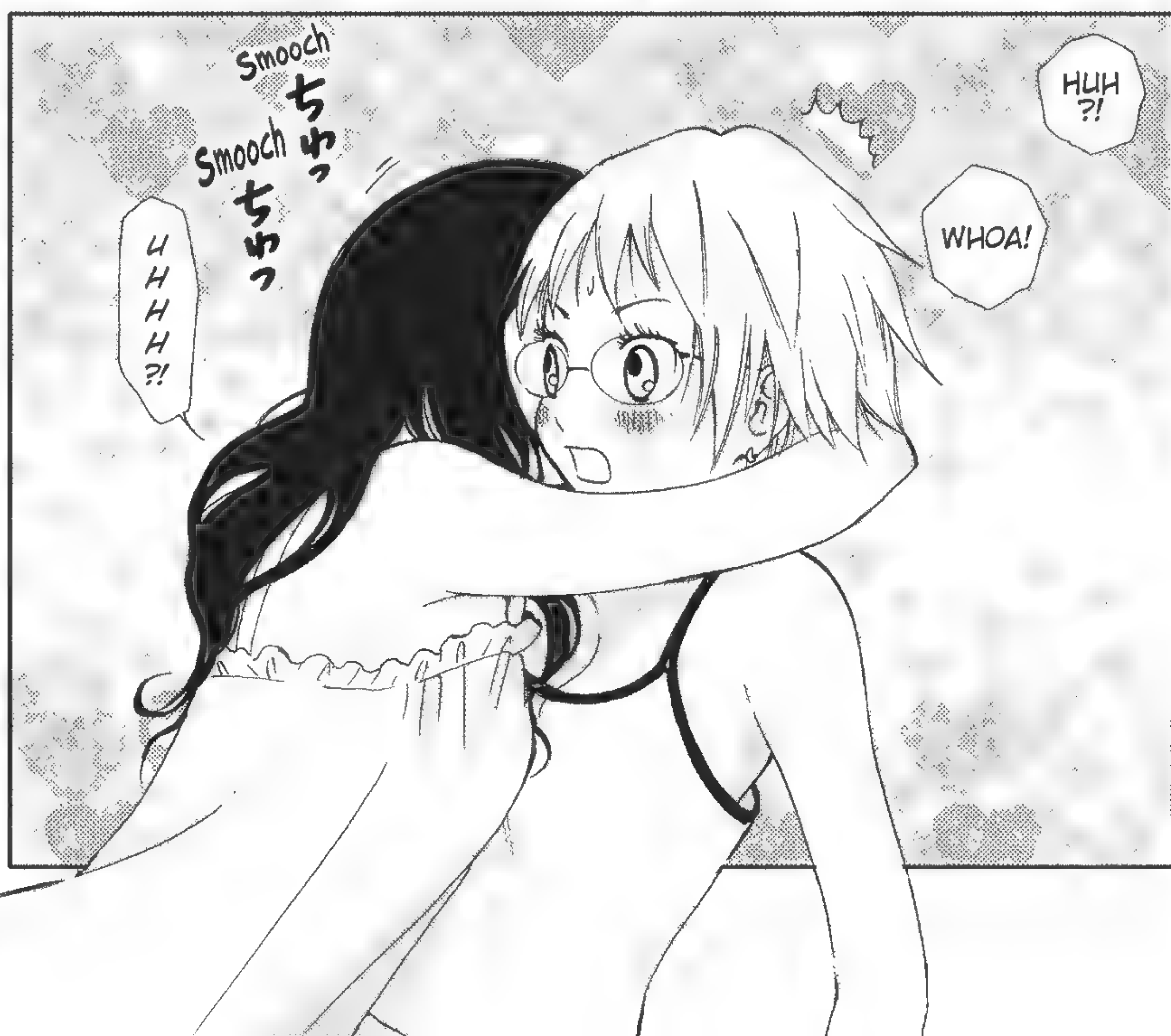
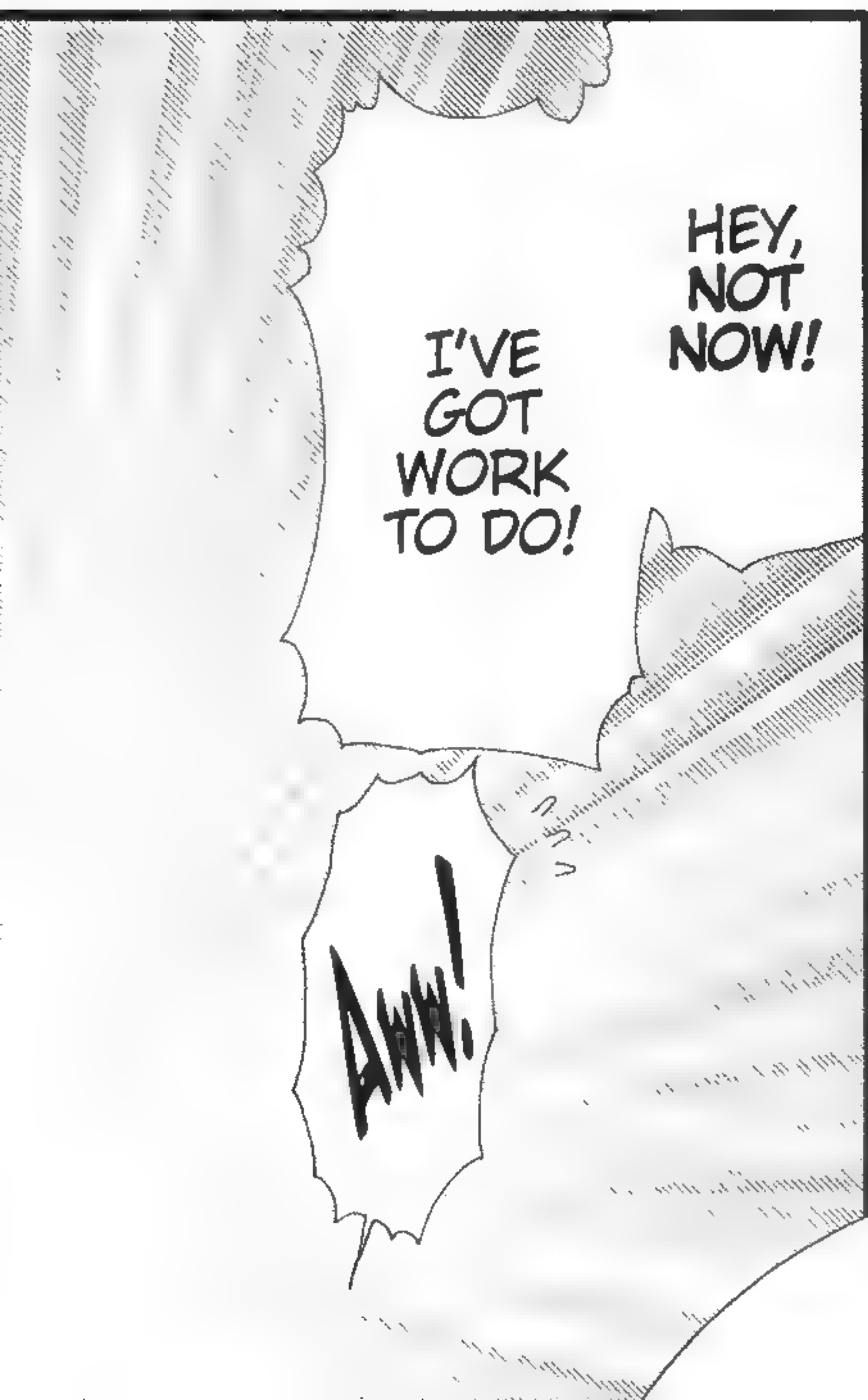
OKAY.

I'LL BE  
ALONE  
WITH  
SUMI-CHAN  
FOR TWO  
WEEKS.

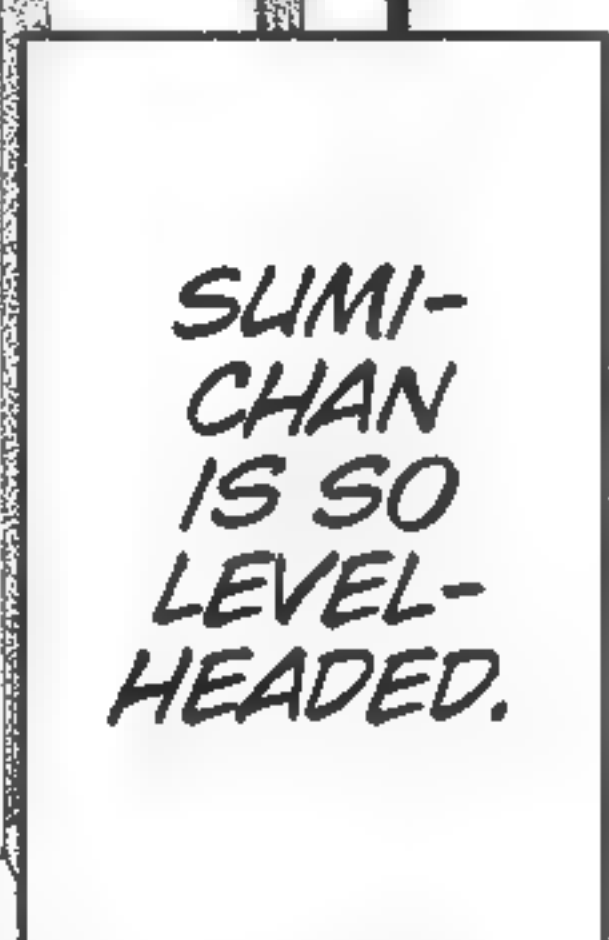
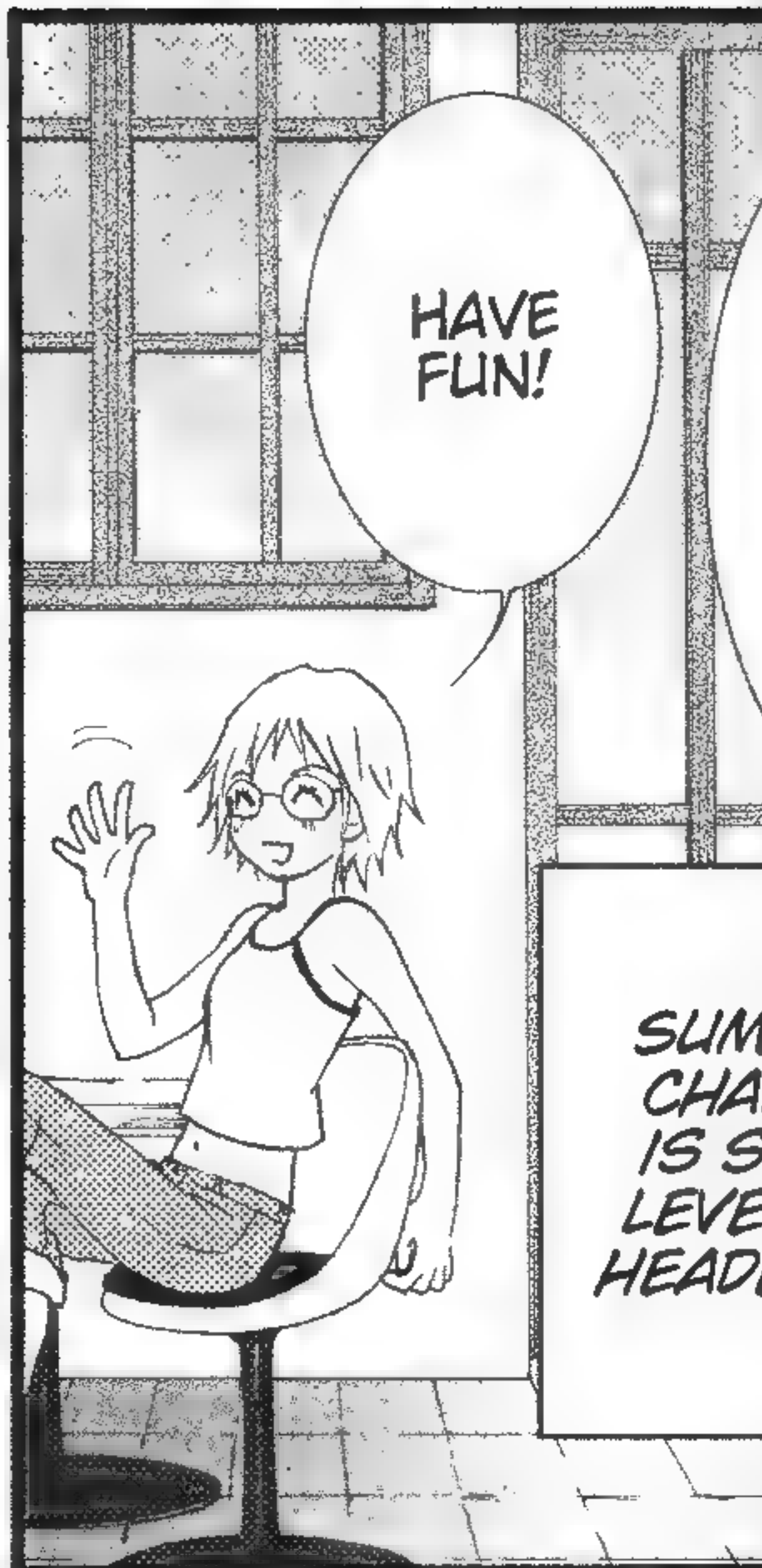
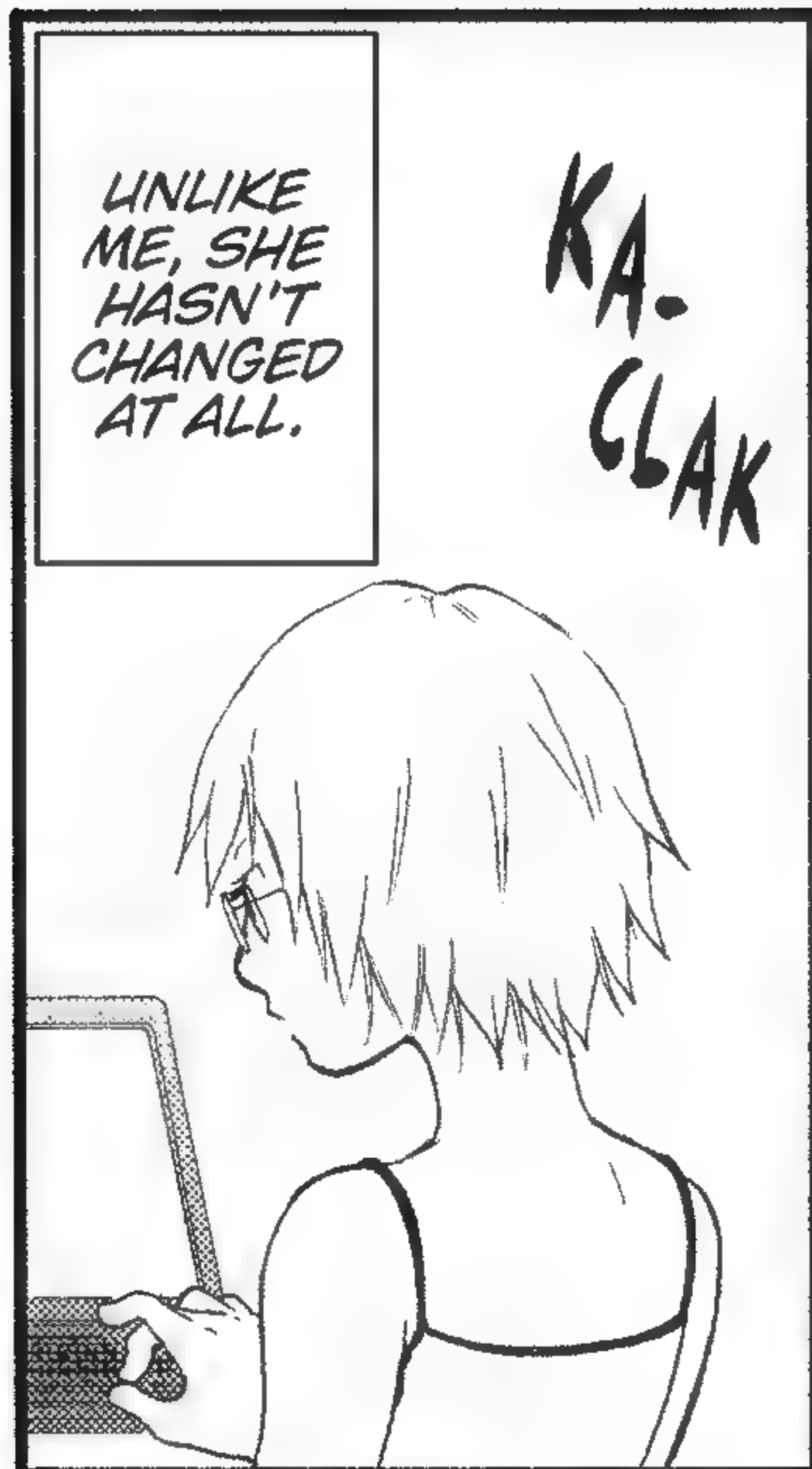




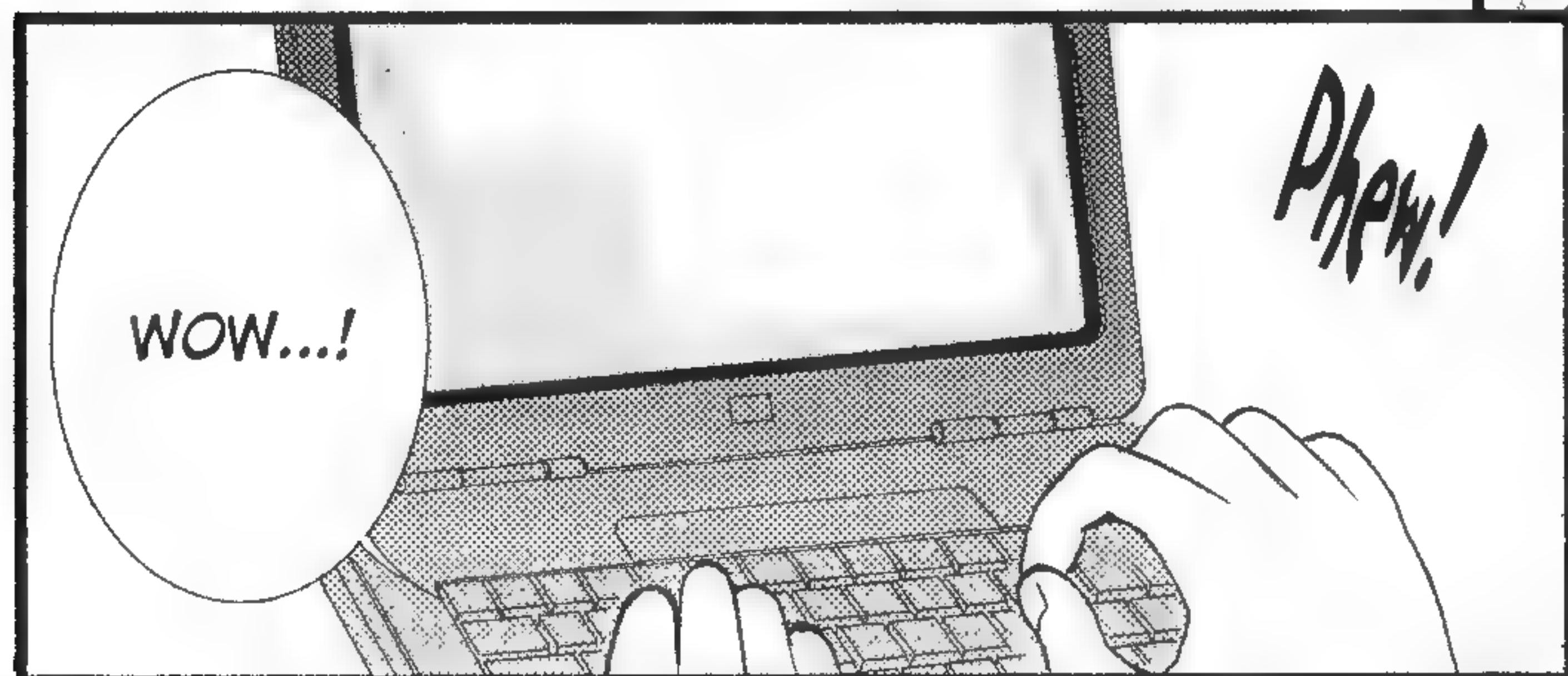








Darn!



Ah Ha Ha Ha...







I UNDER-  
STAND!  
I REALLY  
DO!

I'M  
TWENTY-  
SIX!



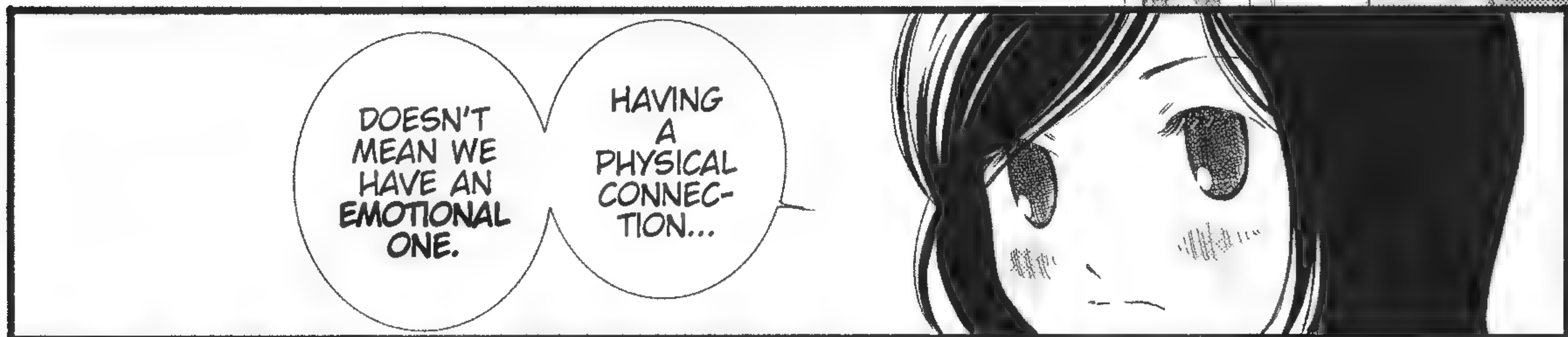
I RUIN  
SO MANY  
RELATION-  
SHIPS BY  
BEING TOO  
INTENSE!

Malta  
is a cat  
island.



Sigh!

I NEED  
TO  
CALM  
DOWN!!



DOESN'T  
MEAN WE  
HAVE AN  
EMOTIONAL  
ONE.

HAVING  
A  
PHYSICAL  
CONNEC-  
TION...



"I WANT  
TO SEE  
MORE."

BUT...



THIS  
IS  
BAD!

Sigh



I WANT  
TO  
SLEEP  
WITH  
HER...

MORE.

THAT'S  
WHY...









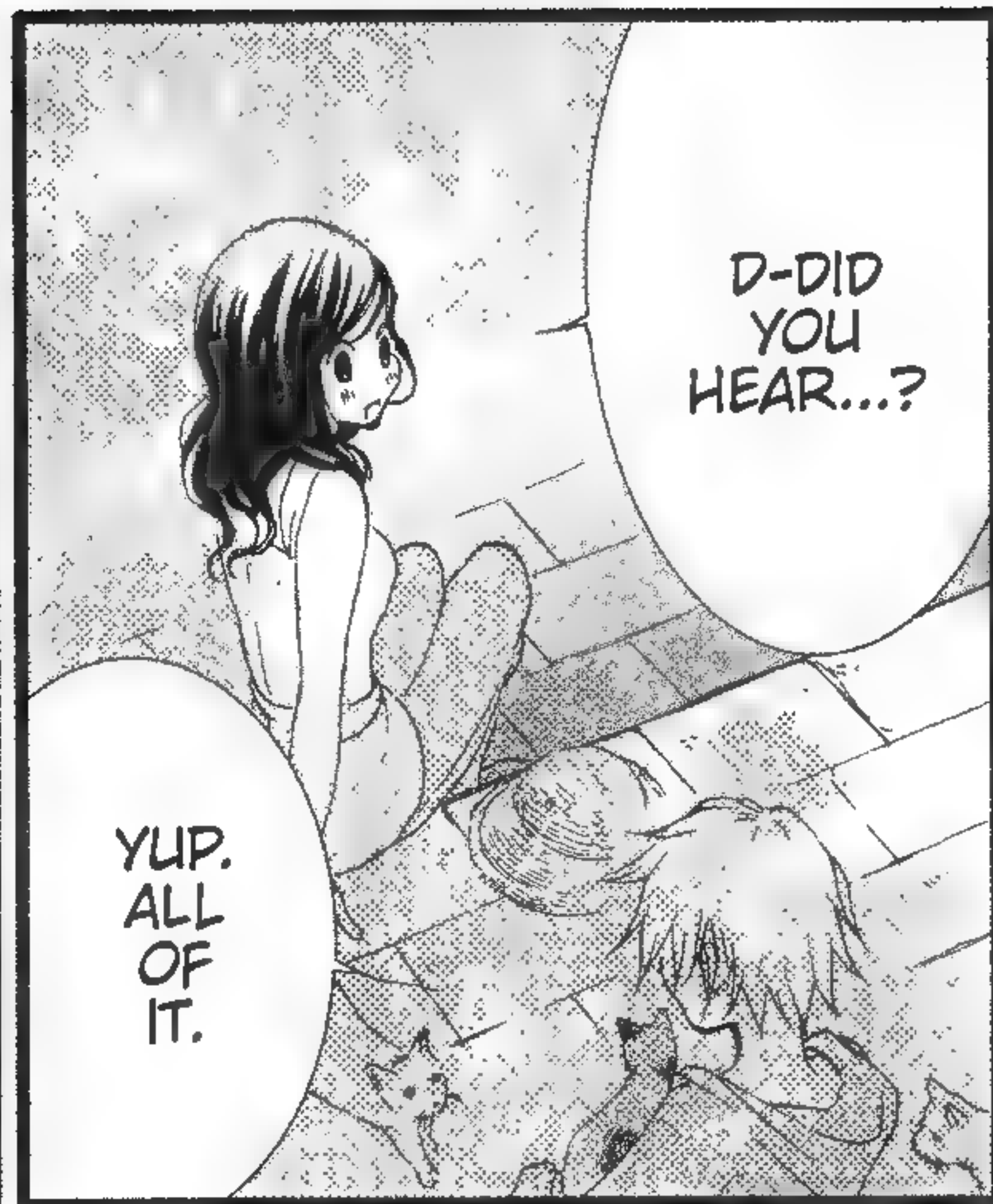
JUST FORGET WHAT I SAID!

SORRY!

EH?



Blush



D-DID YOU HEAR...?

YUP. ALL OF IT.



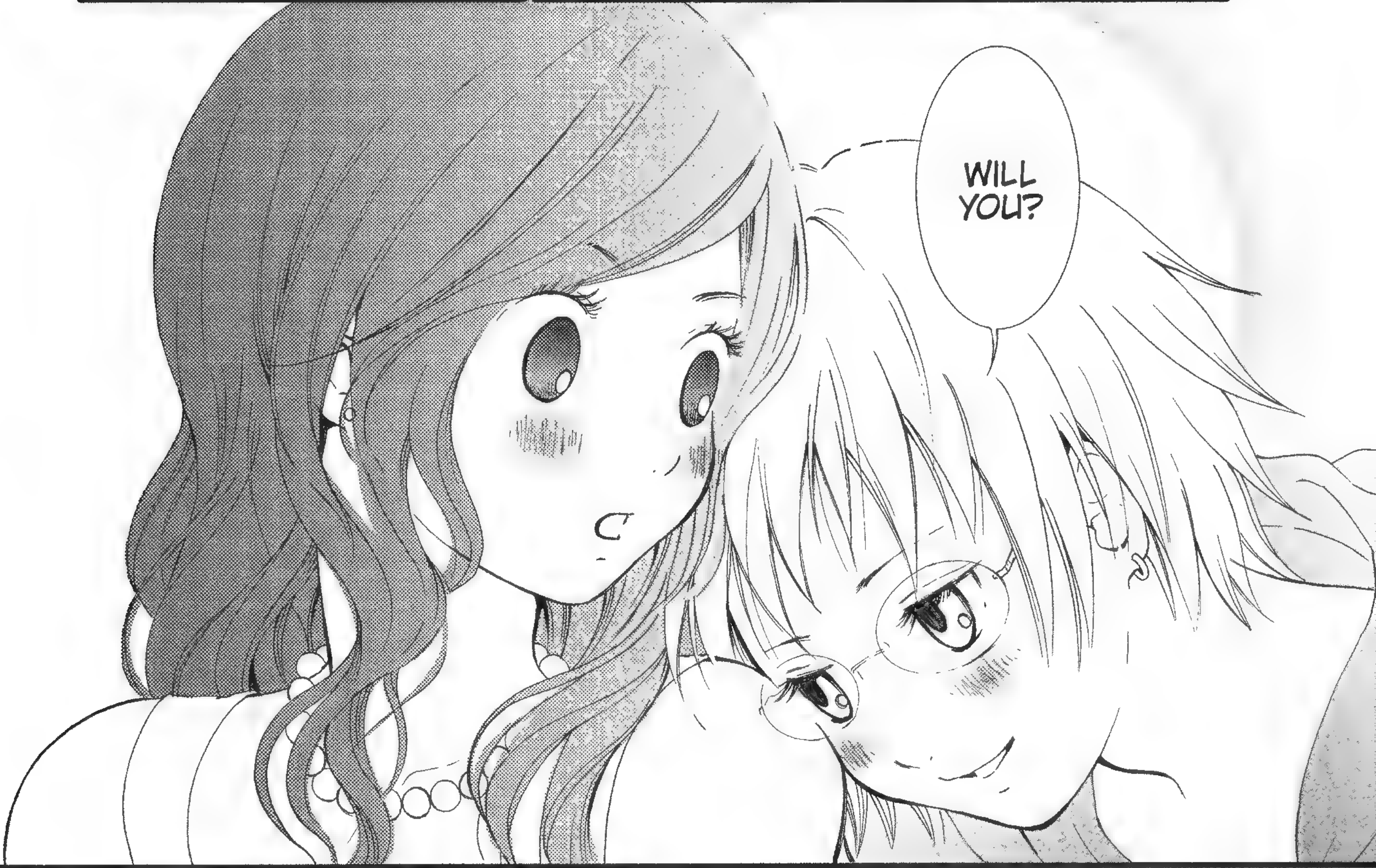
NO WAY.

I'D NEVER DO THAT.



I'LL NEVER FORGET IT.

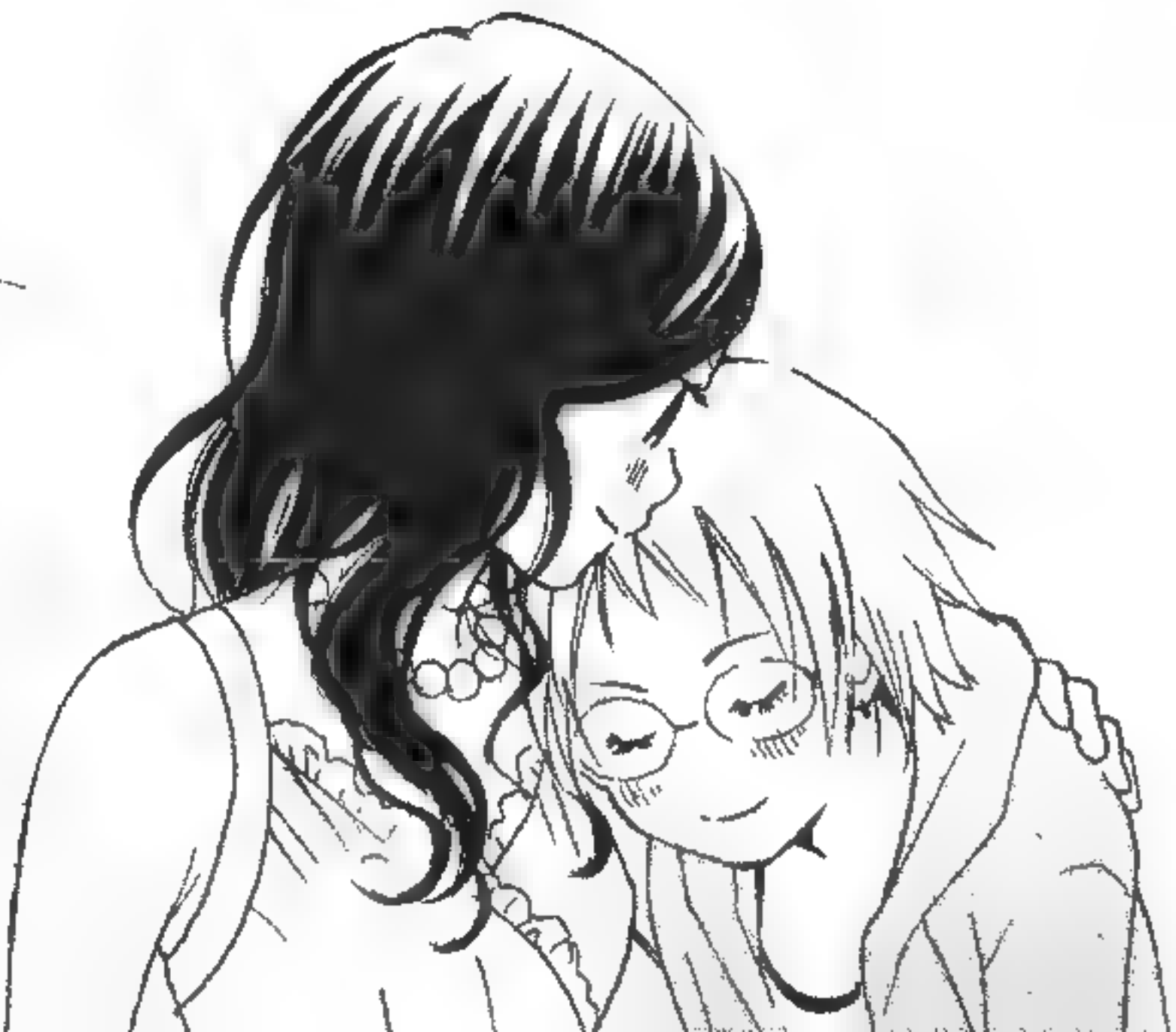




ANOTHER  
NEW  
EXPRESSION  
ON  
SUMI-  
CHAN'S  
FACE.



THERE  
IT IS  
AGAIN.







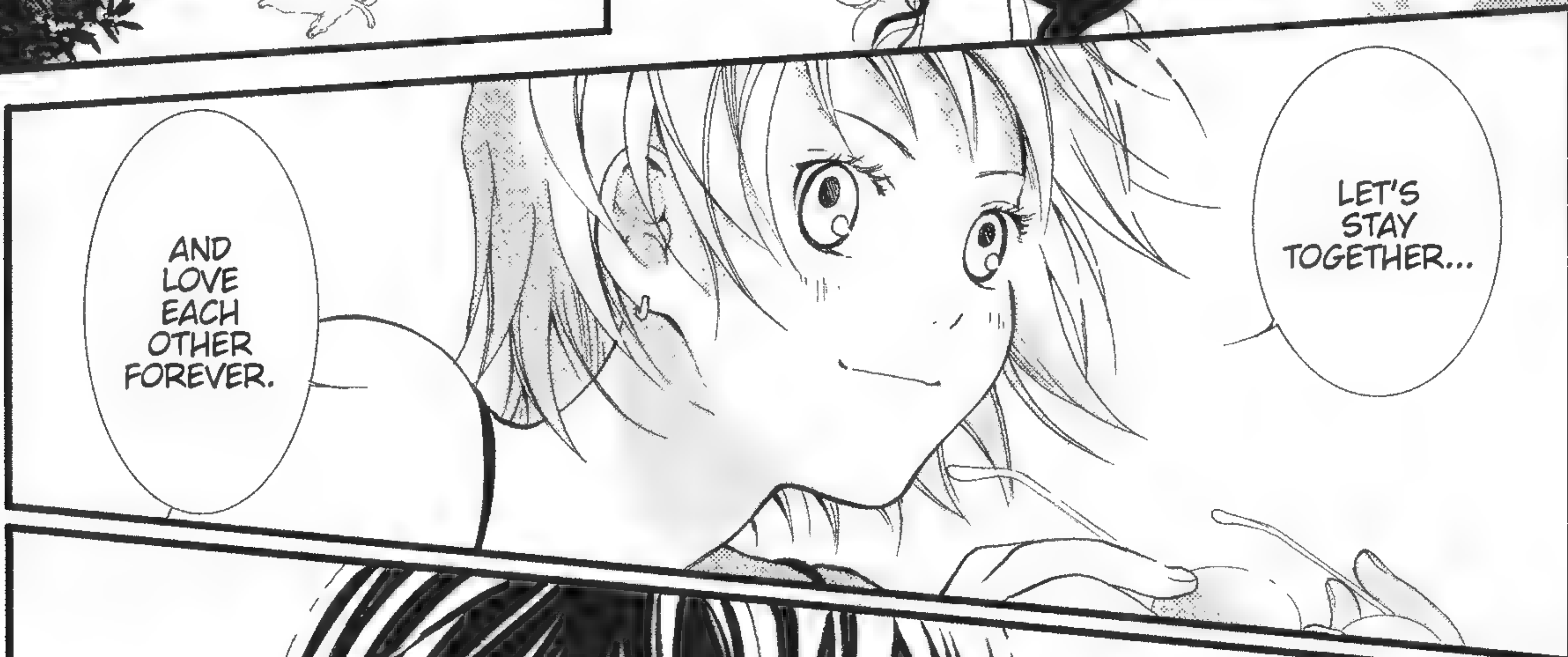
OKAY.

YEAH.

LET'S  
STAY  
TOGETHER  
FOREVER.

LITTLE  
BY  
LITTLE...

I WANT  
TO GROW  
CLOSER  
TO SUMI-  
CHAN.



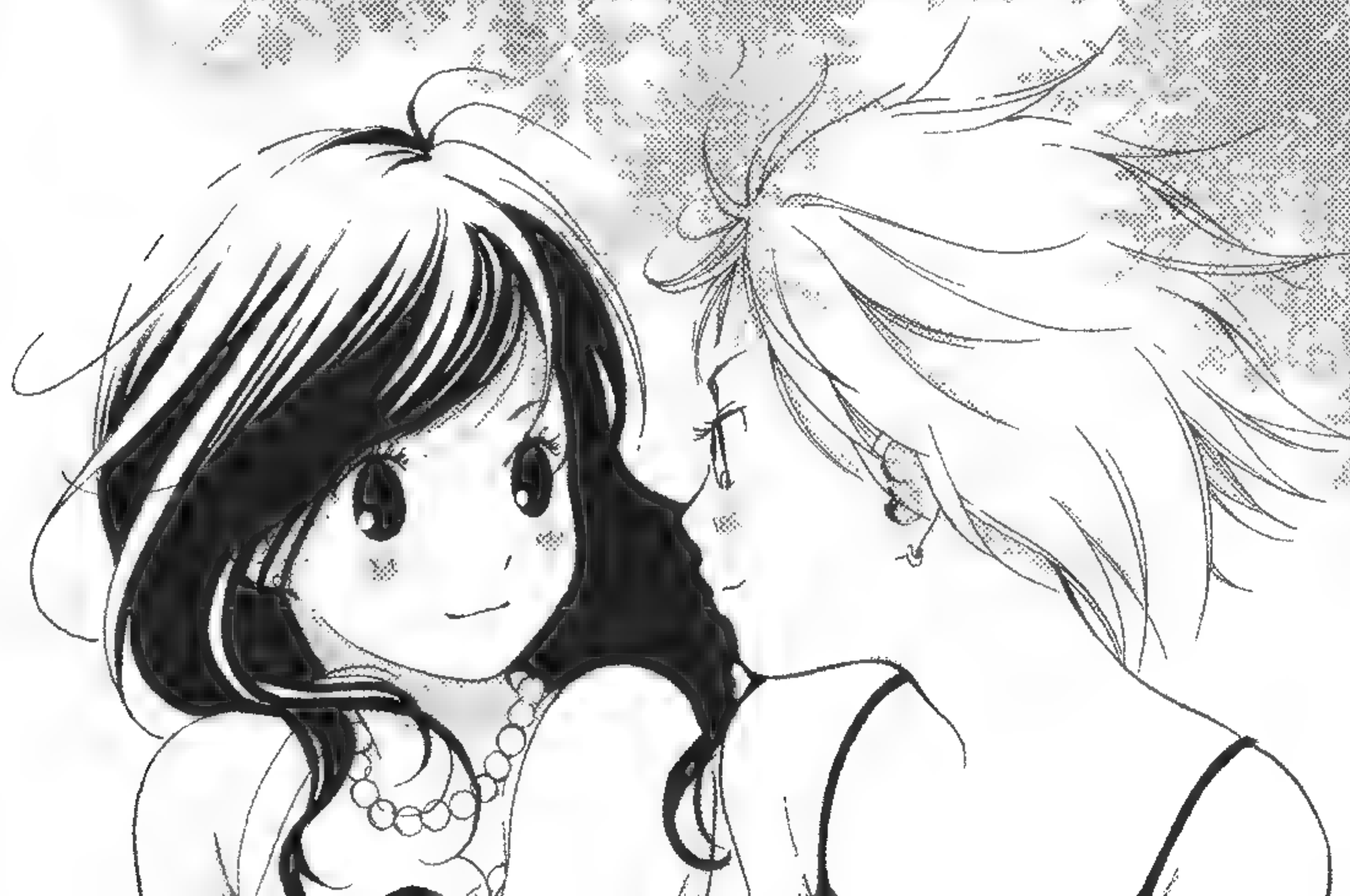
AND  
LOVE  
EACH  
OTHER  
FOREVER.

LET'S  
STAY  
TOGETHER...



HA  
HA  
HA!

IT'S  
A  
DEAL!



I WANT TO  
BECOME  
MORE  
CONNECTED  
TO HER.

LITTLE  
BY  
LITTLE...





UNDER  
THE  
SUNLIGHT.







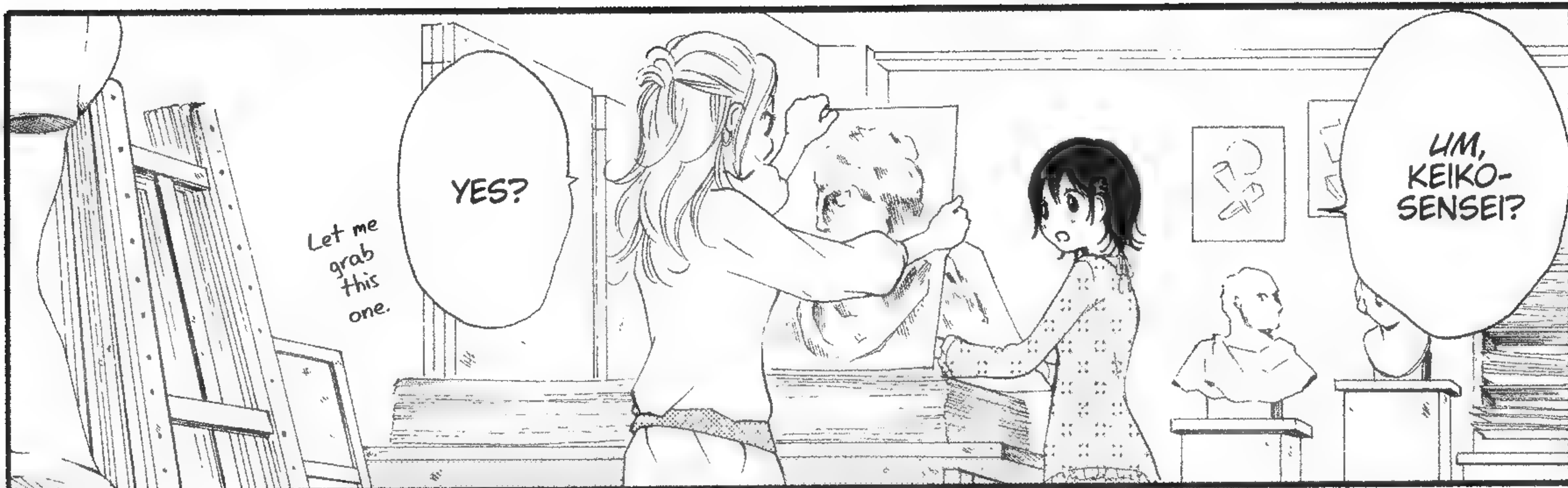


# The Conditions of Paradise











**NO WAY!**

## Kiryuu Keiko

*Twenty-  
years old.  
Radiant!*

Thirty-  
years old.  
Doesn't pay  
attention  
to her  
looks.

Prep  
school  
art  
instructor  
(and  
illustra-  
tor).

No wrinkles,  
but dry skin.

Has sensitive skin.  
Concerned that she can't use foundation.

Hey!  
My skin is  
nice and  
smooth!!

Real  
camisole.

Three-pairs-  
for-1,000 yen  
underwear. ☆

Matches  
with her  
bra color.

Handmade  
cell phone  
strap.

Mifty-chan cell phone strap.  
(Can still carry character merch at her age, right?)

Undershirt worn  
as a camisole.

Regularly wears thermal pants.

Always  
had a fast  
metabolism.

Now gains  
as much  
weight as  
she eats.

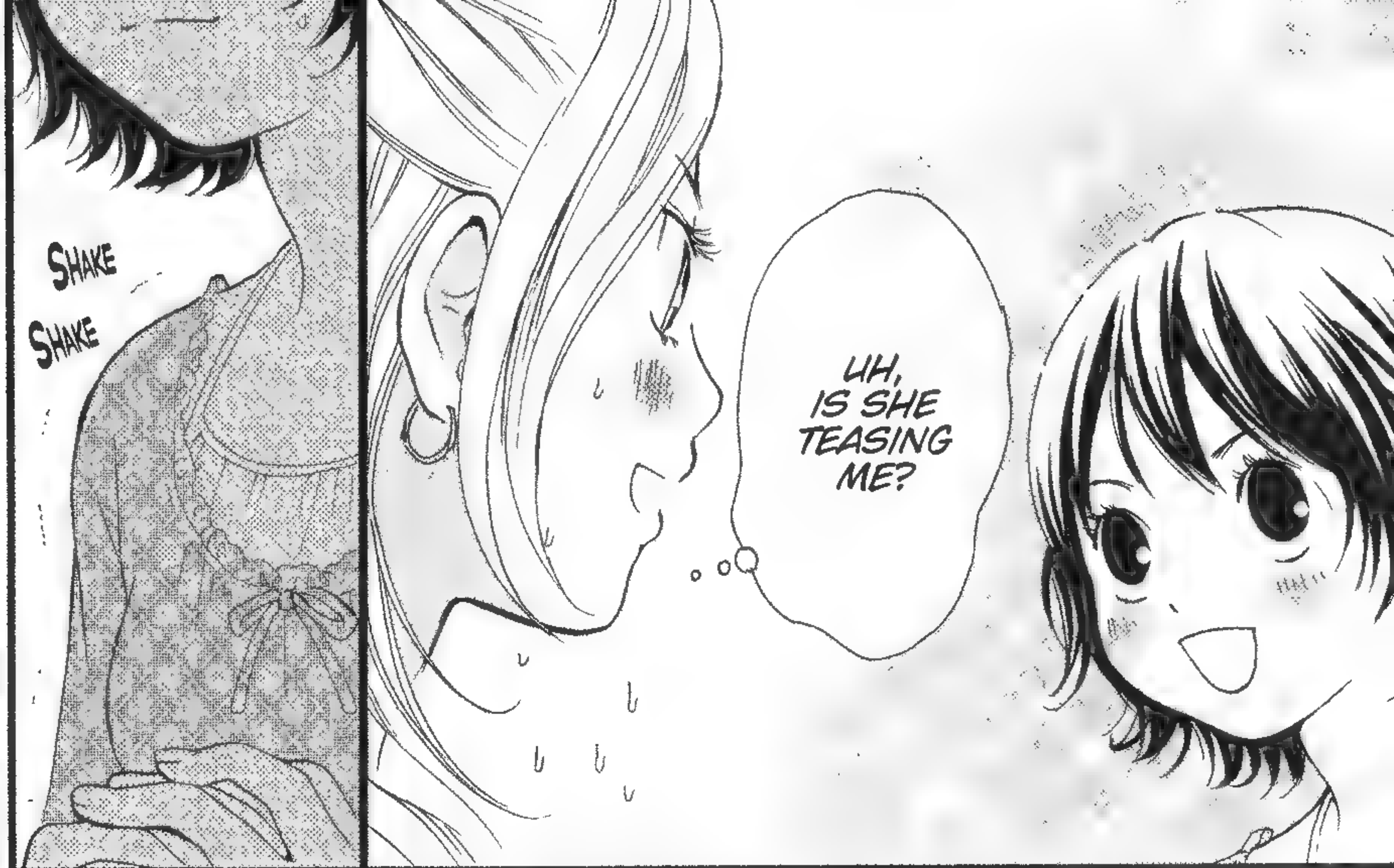
Loves  
tonkotsu  
ramen but  
stays skinny!!

Bare legs  
even in fall.

Wears toe  
socks under  
her boots.

# A 20-Year-old Woman and a 30-Year-Old Girl









Is this  
do? what...

HUG  
キム...



She  
needs  
a tissue.  
Where are  
they?

I WAS  
SURE  
THAT  
YOU'D  
REJECT  
ME...

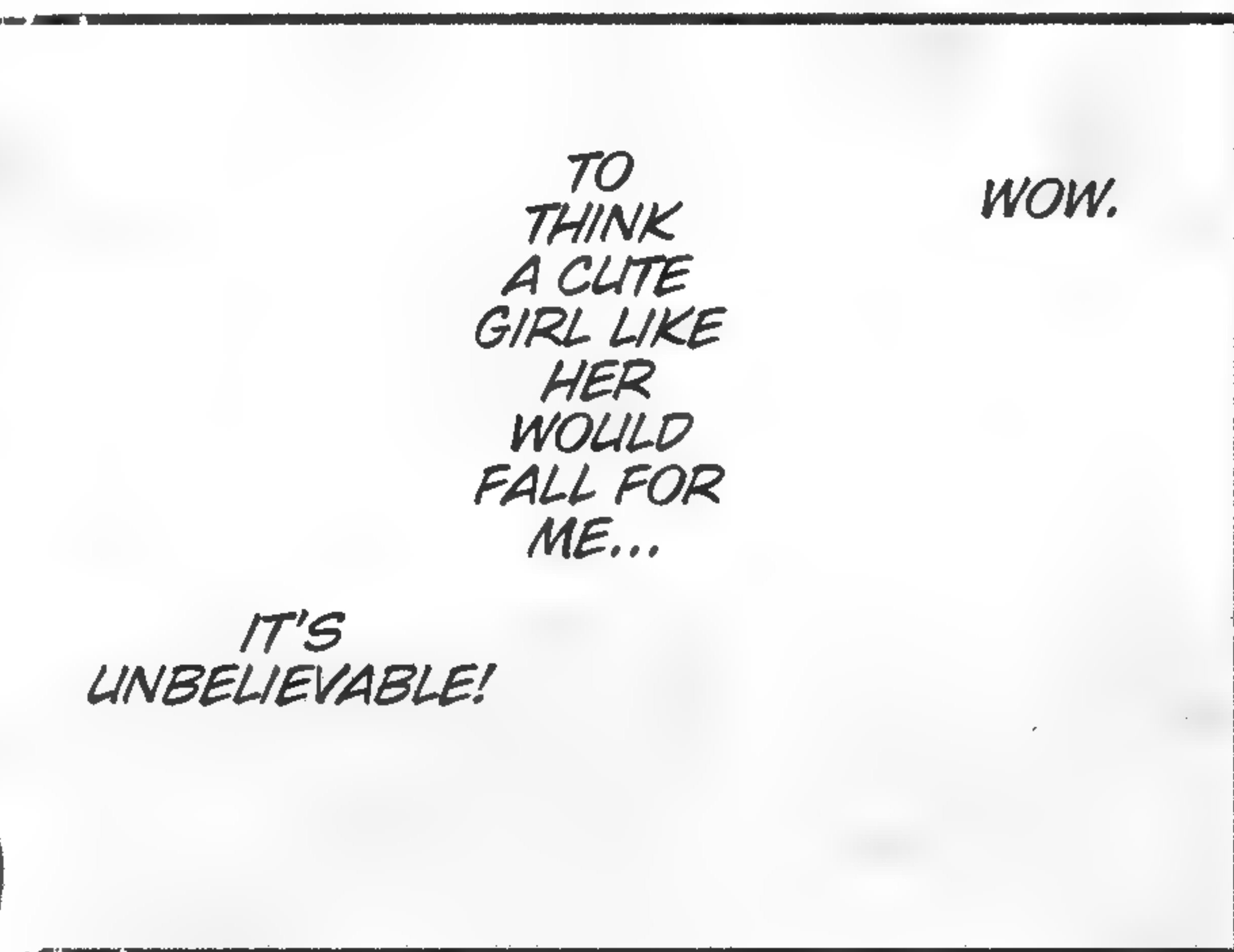
UH,  
WHAT  
DO I DO  
NOW?



Sob!  
わわ

I-I'M  
SO  
HAPPY  
...!

HUH  
?!



TO  
THINK  
A CUTE  
GIRL LIKE  
HER  
WOULD  
FALL FOR  
ME...

WOW.

IT'S  
UNBELIEVABLE!



But  
the school  
can't  
find  
out!

Tee  
hee!  
♡

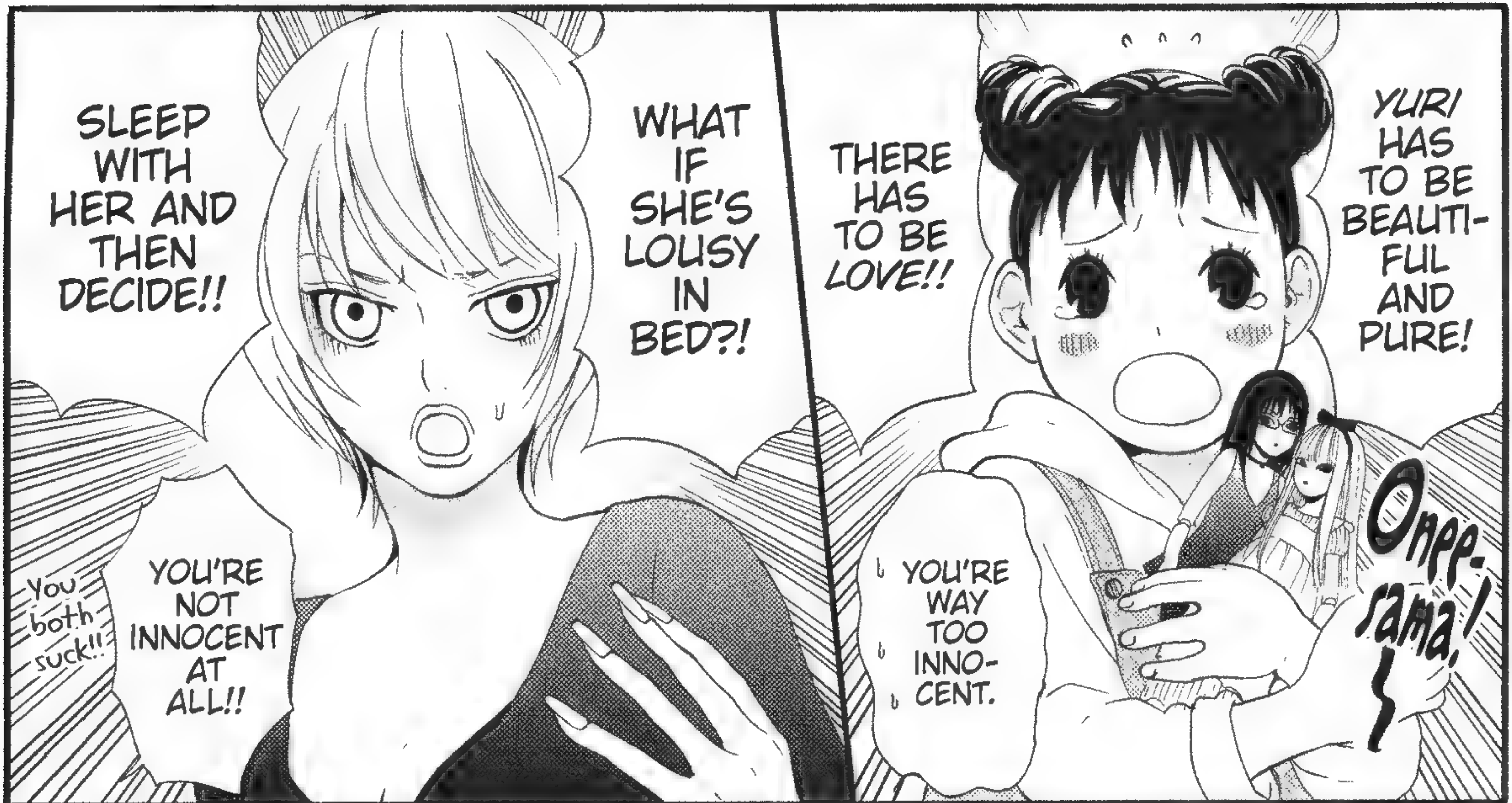
Housemates.



I'M  
GOING  
OUT  
WITH A  
GIRL!

SO...





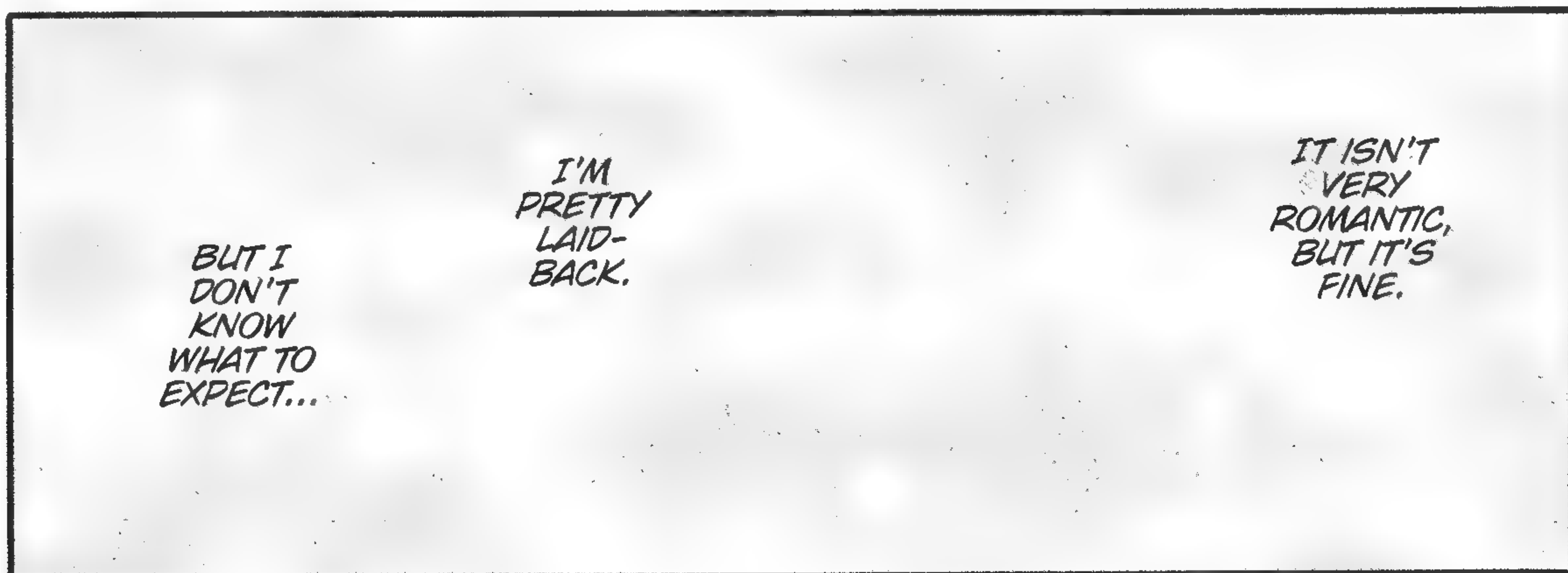




WHEN IT  
COMES TO  
DATING AND  
SEX AND  
STUFF.

I USUALLY  
WAIT FOR  
SOMEONE  
ELSE TO  
MAKE THE  
FIRST  
MOVE...

I'M NOT  
THE TYPE  
TO GET  
CRUSHES  
ON  
PEOPLE.



BUT I  
DON'T  
KNOW  
WHAT TO  
EXPECT...

I'M  
PRETTY  
LAID-  
BACK.

IT ISN'T  
VERY  
ROMANTIC,  
BUT IT'S  
FINE.



I'M  
GETTING  
EXCITED!



GLINT  
/

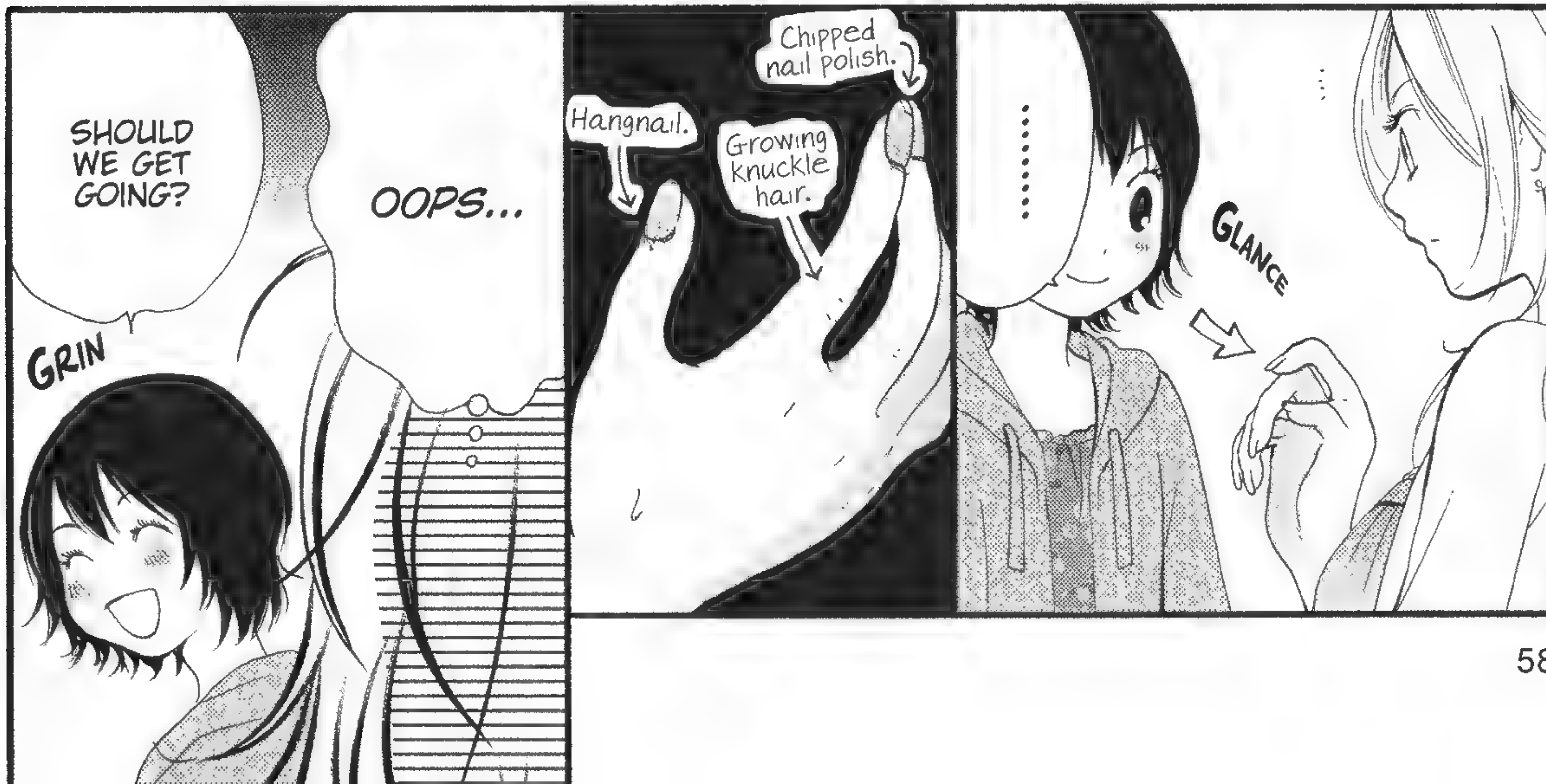
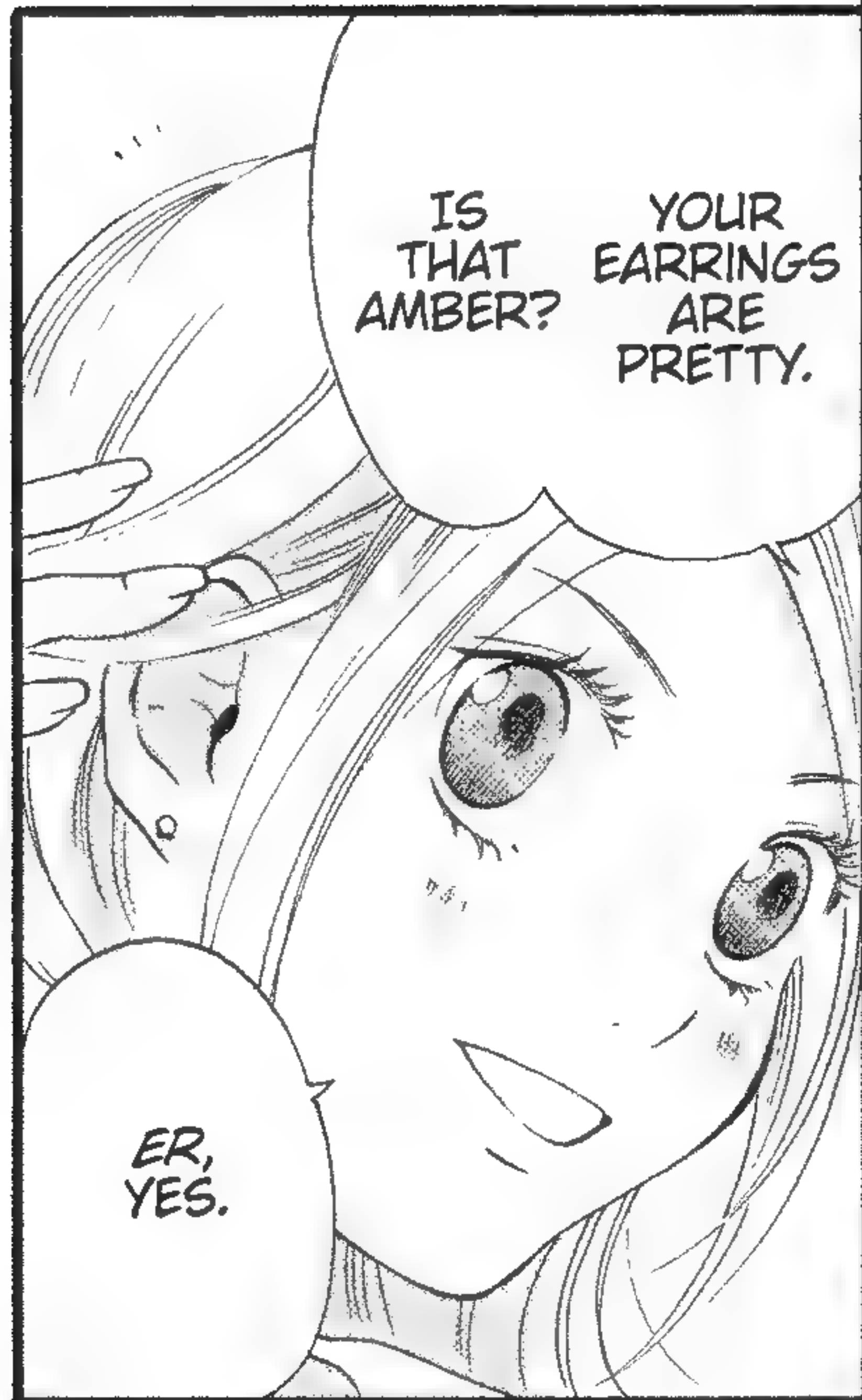
FIRST,  
WE'LL  
GO OUT  
ON A  
DATE!



OKAY!

CLUNK







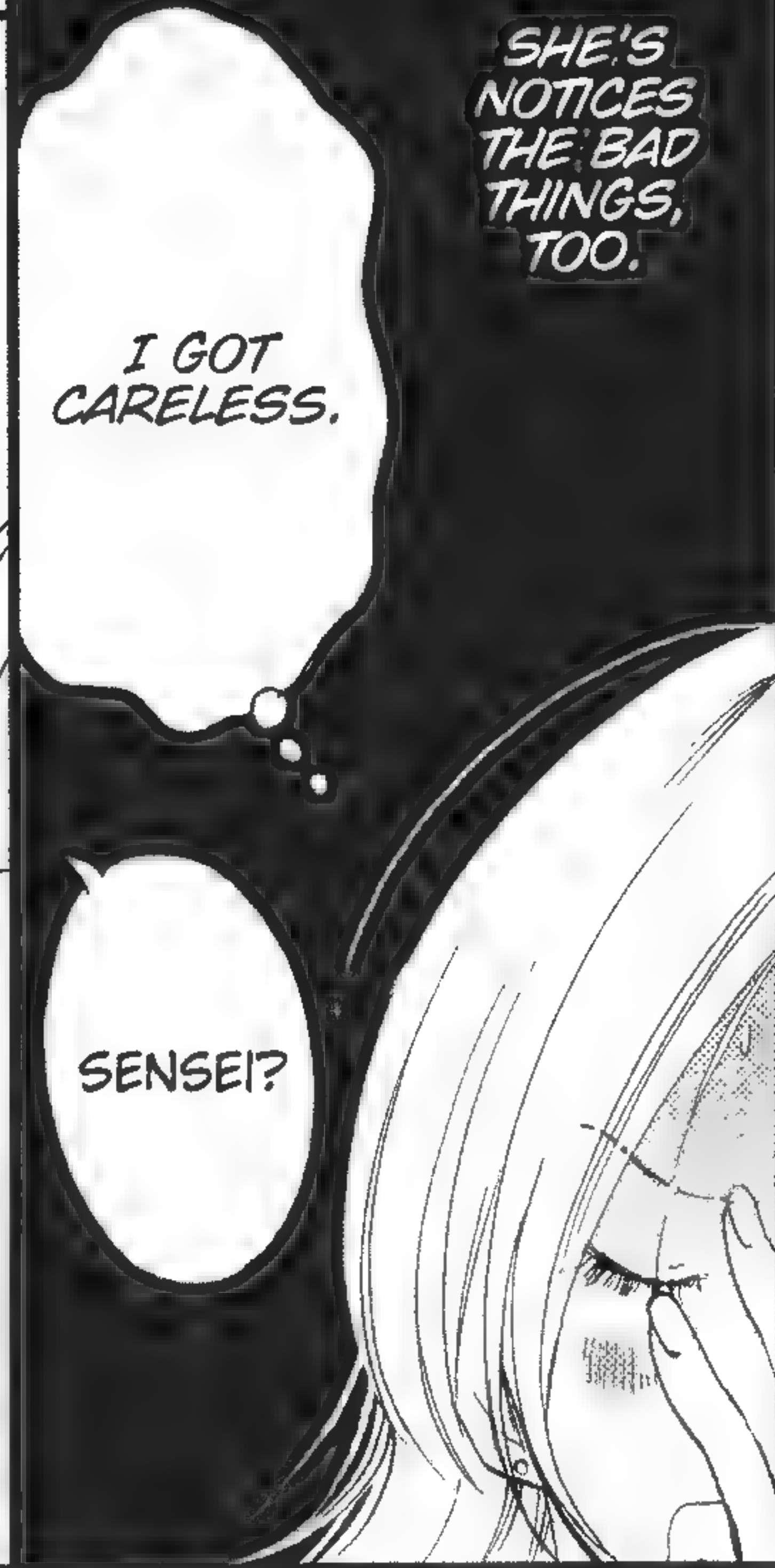


AH!



YOUR  
HAND!

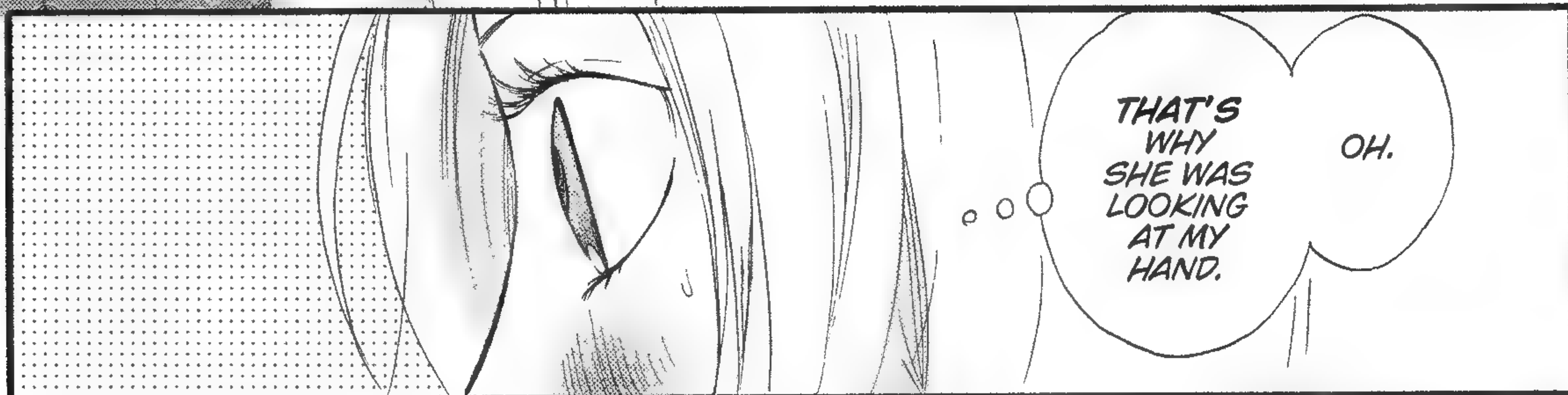
GRASP



SHE'S  
NOTICES  
THE BAD  
THINGS,  
TOO.

I GOT  
CARELESS.

SENSEI?



THAT'S  
WHY  
SHE WAS  
LOOKING  
AT MY  
HAND.

OH.



Hee  
hee!

IT  
MAKES  
ME FEEL  
LIKE A  
KID!

HOLDING  
HANDS  
WITH A  
GIRL...

BUT  
I DO  
FEEL  
LIKE  
I'M  
FLOATING.

I DON'T  
FEEL  
EXCITED  
OR  
HORNY.



BEAM  
BEAM  
BEAM





YEAH.

THIS IS  
KIND OF  
NICE.

It has  
stars on  
it...

Does  
this count  
as a  
Christmas  
tree?

100 Christmas  
Tree Show

A  
CHRISTMAS  
TREE  
SHOW?!

10/25~  
G

YEAH,  
THEY HAD  
A HUNDRED  
ARTISTS  
DECORATE  
TREES!



I WANT  
TO BUY  
THIS!!

HEY!

Waah!

I  
PREFER  
SLOT  
MACHINES  
OVER  
ARCADE  
GAMES.

WANT  
TO PLAY  
SOME  
GAMES?

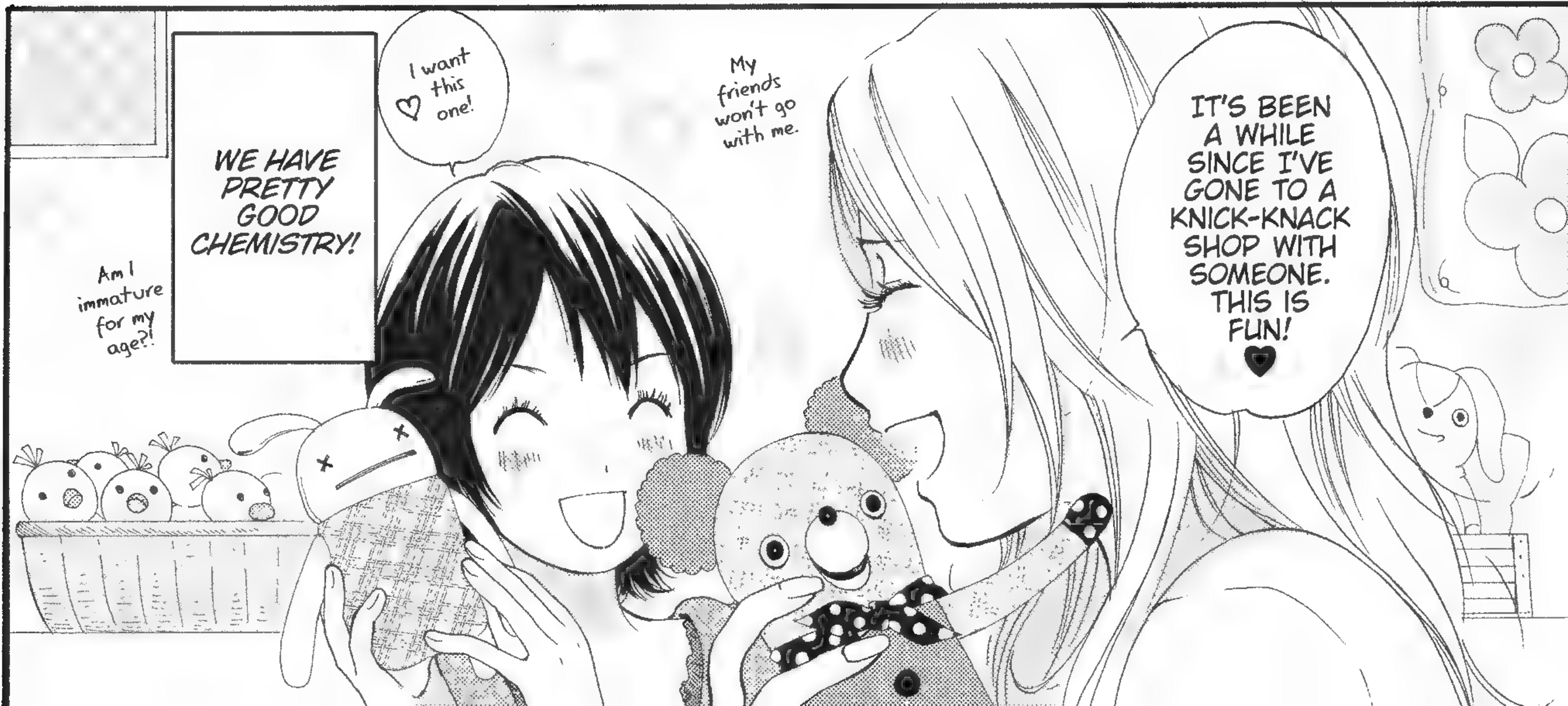
REALLY?  
THAT'S A  
SUR-  
PRISE!!

姐  
Princess

WE  
LOOK  
SO  
CUTE!

THE  
AGE GAP  
DOESN'T  
BOTHER  
ME,  
EITHER.

LET'S  
GET OUR  
PICTURES  
IN A CAT  
FRAME!



WE HAVE  
PRETTY  
GOOD  
CHEMISTRY!

Am I  
immature  
for my  
age?!

I want  
this  
one!

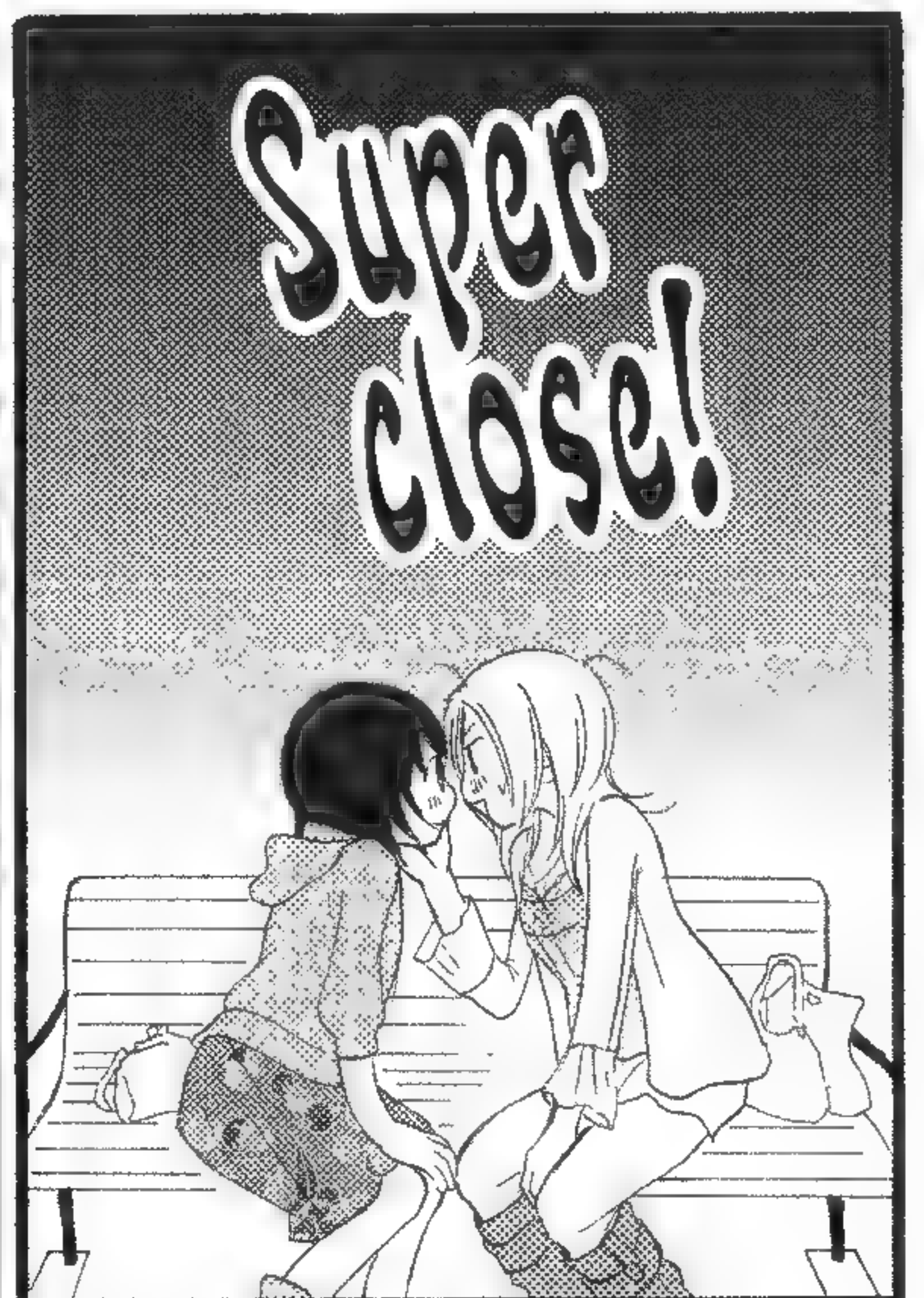
My  
friends  
won't go  
with me.

IT'S BEEN  
A WHILE  
SINCE I'VE  
GONE TO A  
KNICK-KNACK  
SHOP WITH  
SOMEONE.  
THIS IS  
FUN!

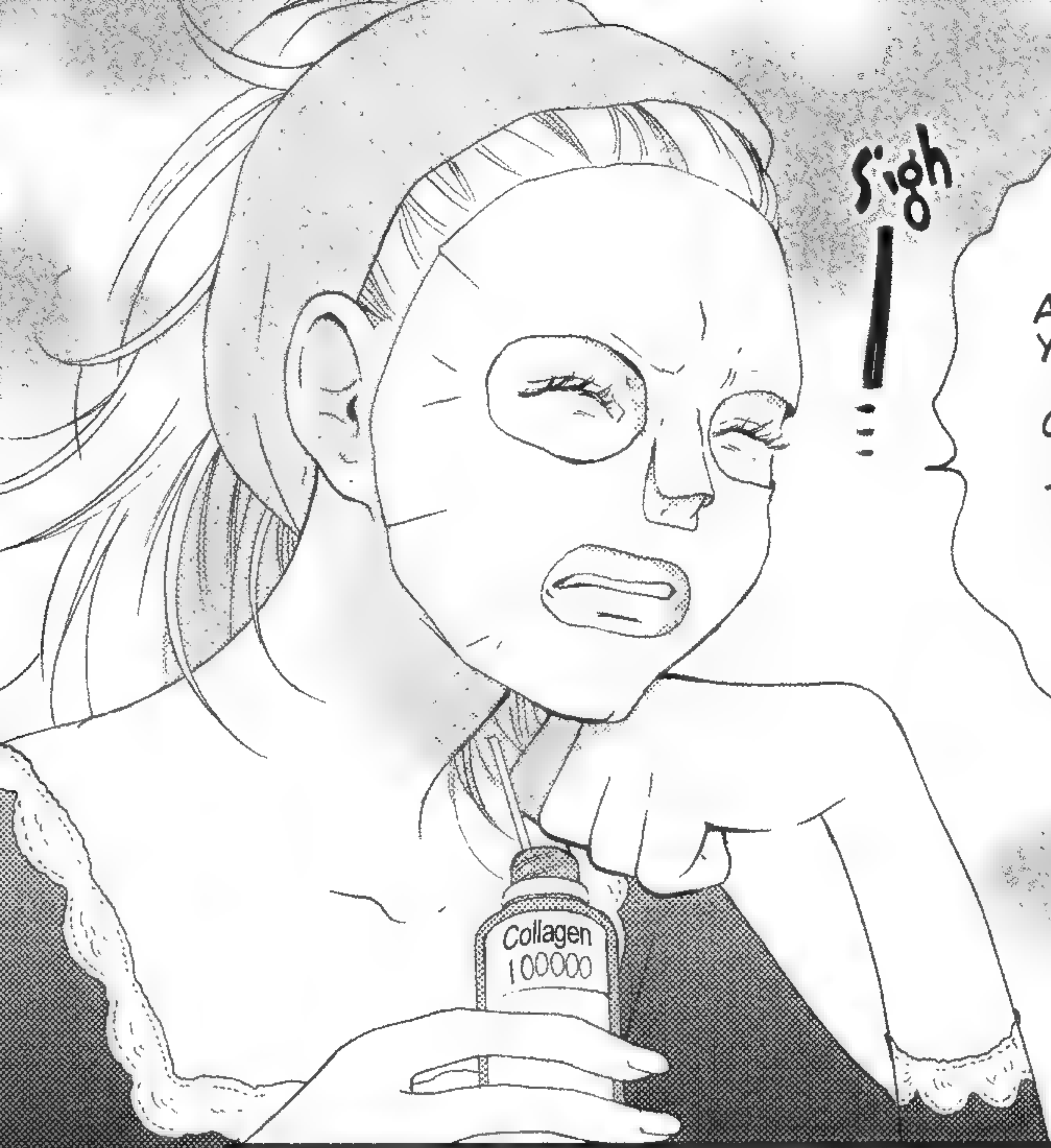












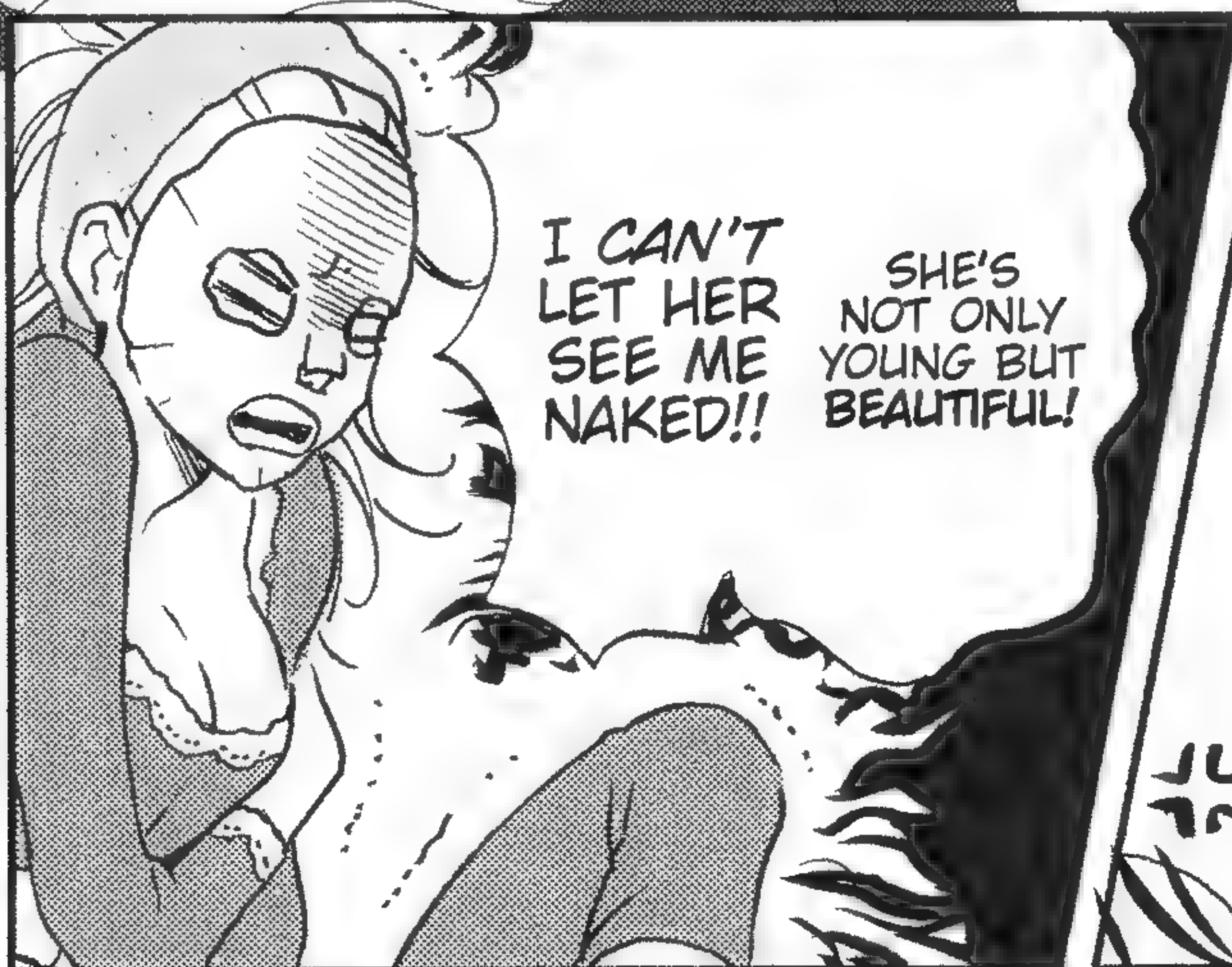
Sigh

A THIRTY-YEAR-OLD  
CAN'T  
COMPETE  
WITH A  
TWENTY-  
YEAR-  
OLD!



I WAS  
SO  
NAÏVE!!

I THOUGHT  
I LOOKED  
PRETTY  
GOOD FOR  
MY AGE!



I CAN'T  
LET HER  
SEE ME  
NAKED!!

SHE'S  
NOT ONLY  
YOUNG BUT  
BEAUTIFUL!



NO  
WAY!

FWAHH

WHAT?  
YOU  
SLEPT  
WITH  
HER?

Cute!



I can't keep  
my eyes off her! ☆

BUT SHE  
HAS AN  
AMAZING  
PRESENCE!

SHE  
BEAMS  
WHEN  
SHE  
SMILES  
AT ME!



THOSE  
PICS  
ARE TOO  
TINY TO  
TELL...

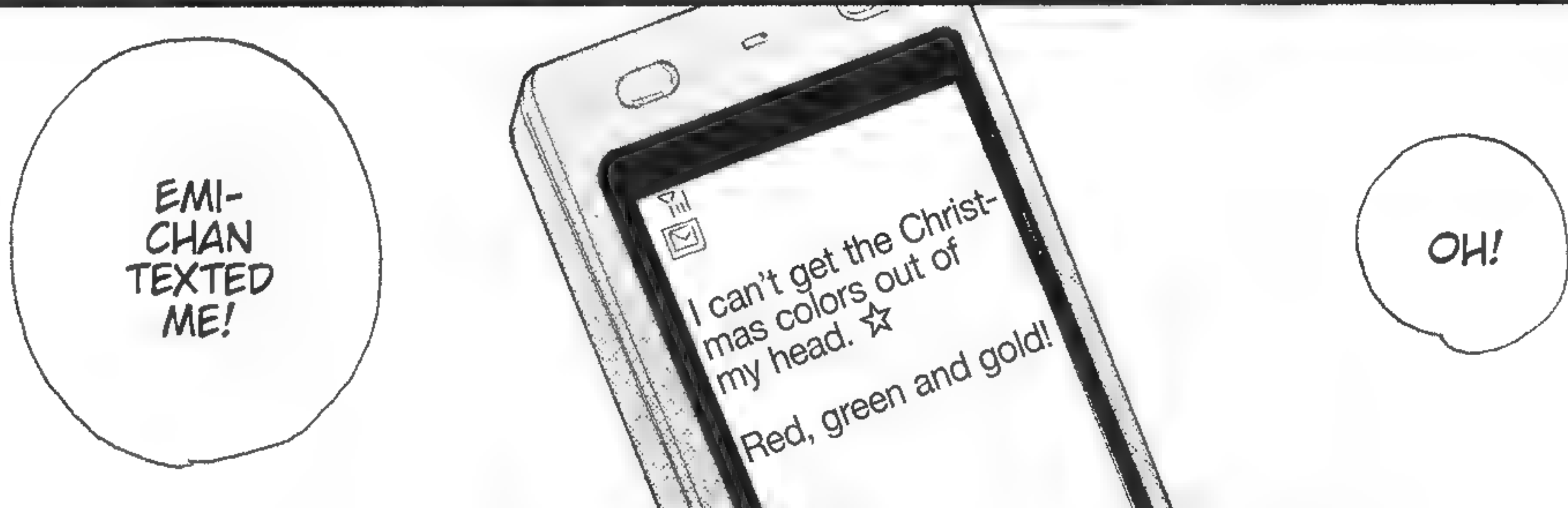
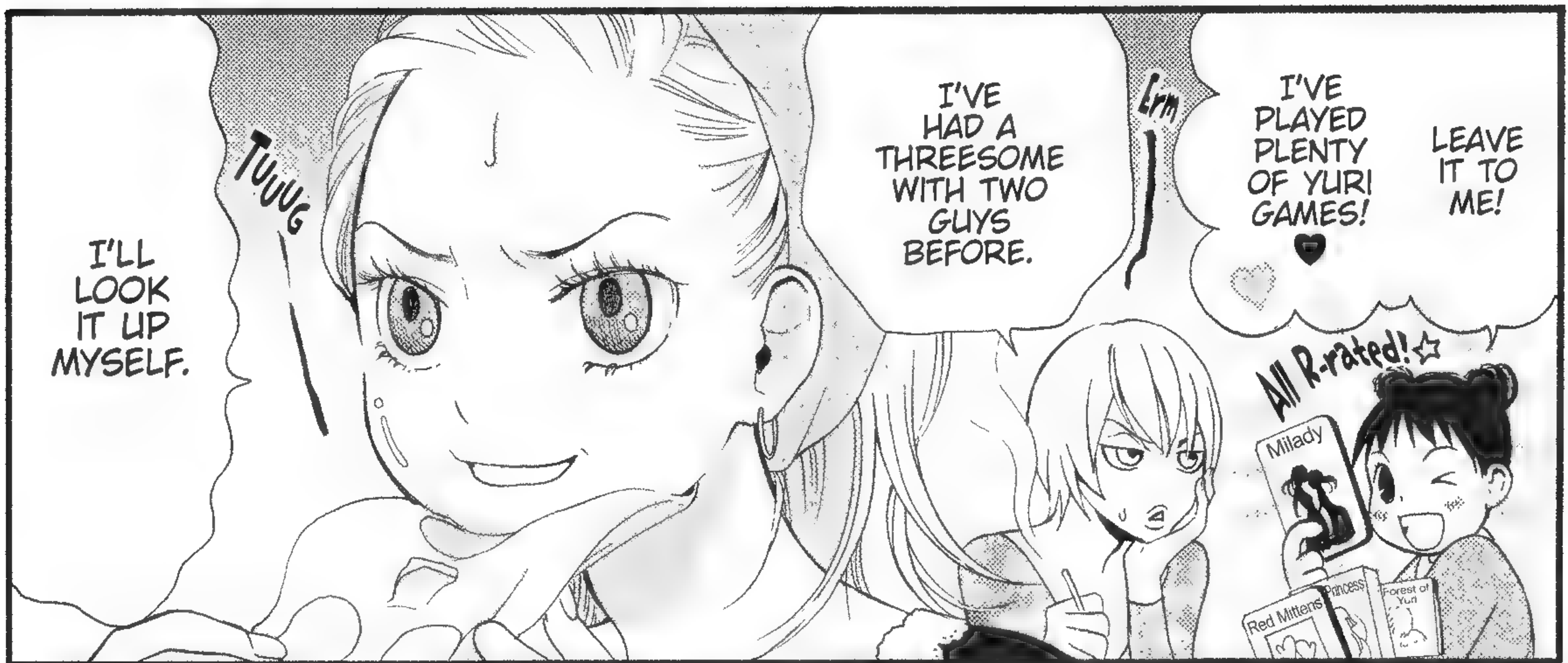
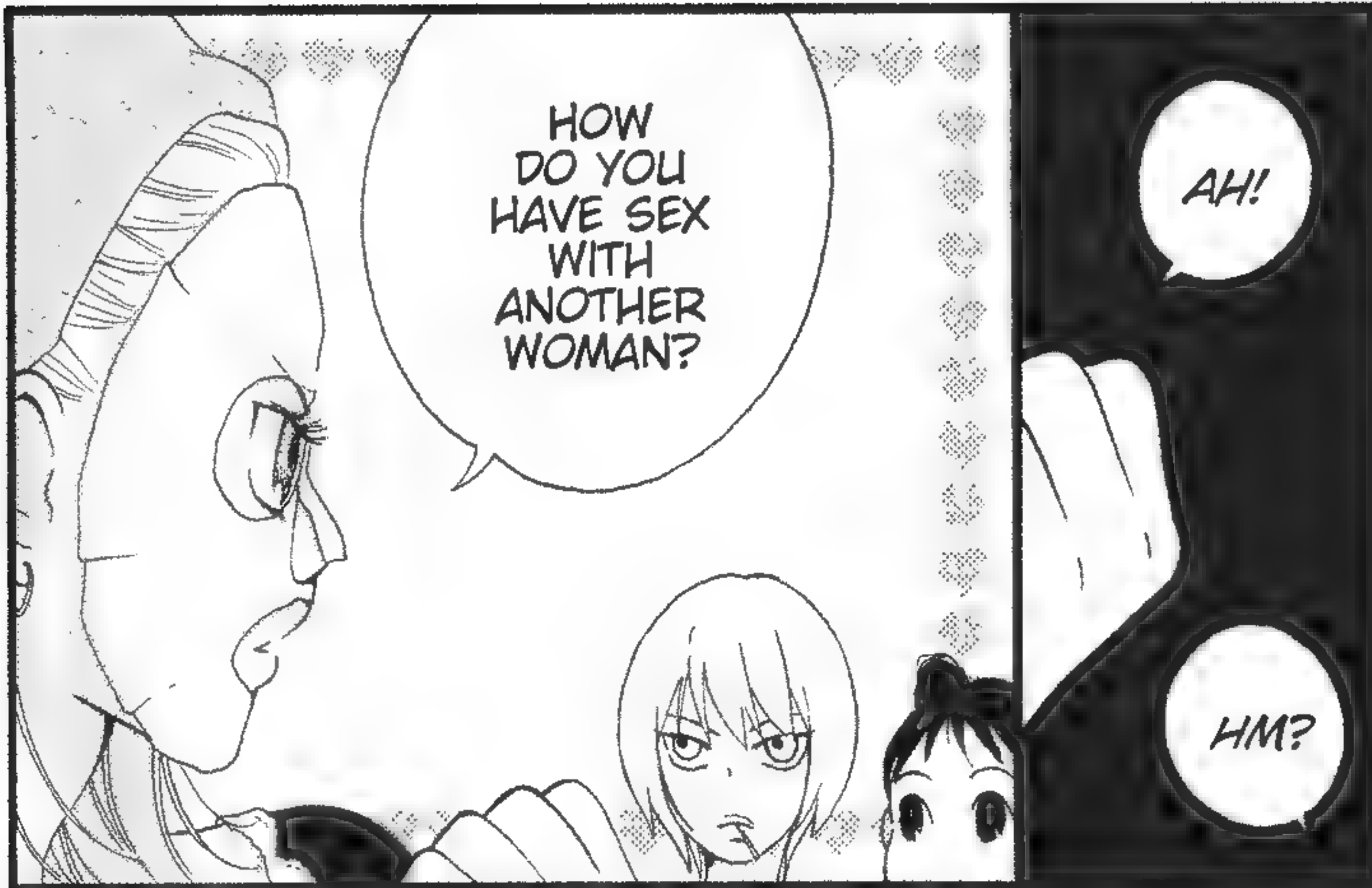
.....

YES!!

SHE'S  
THAT  
BEAUTIFUL?

はー  
FWIP









We can go get some cake together. 🍰

Sent!



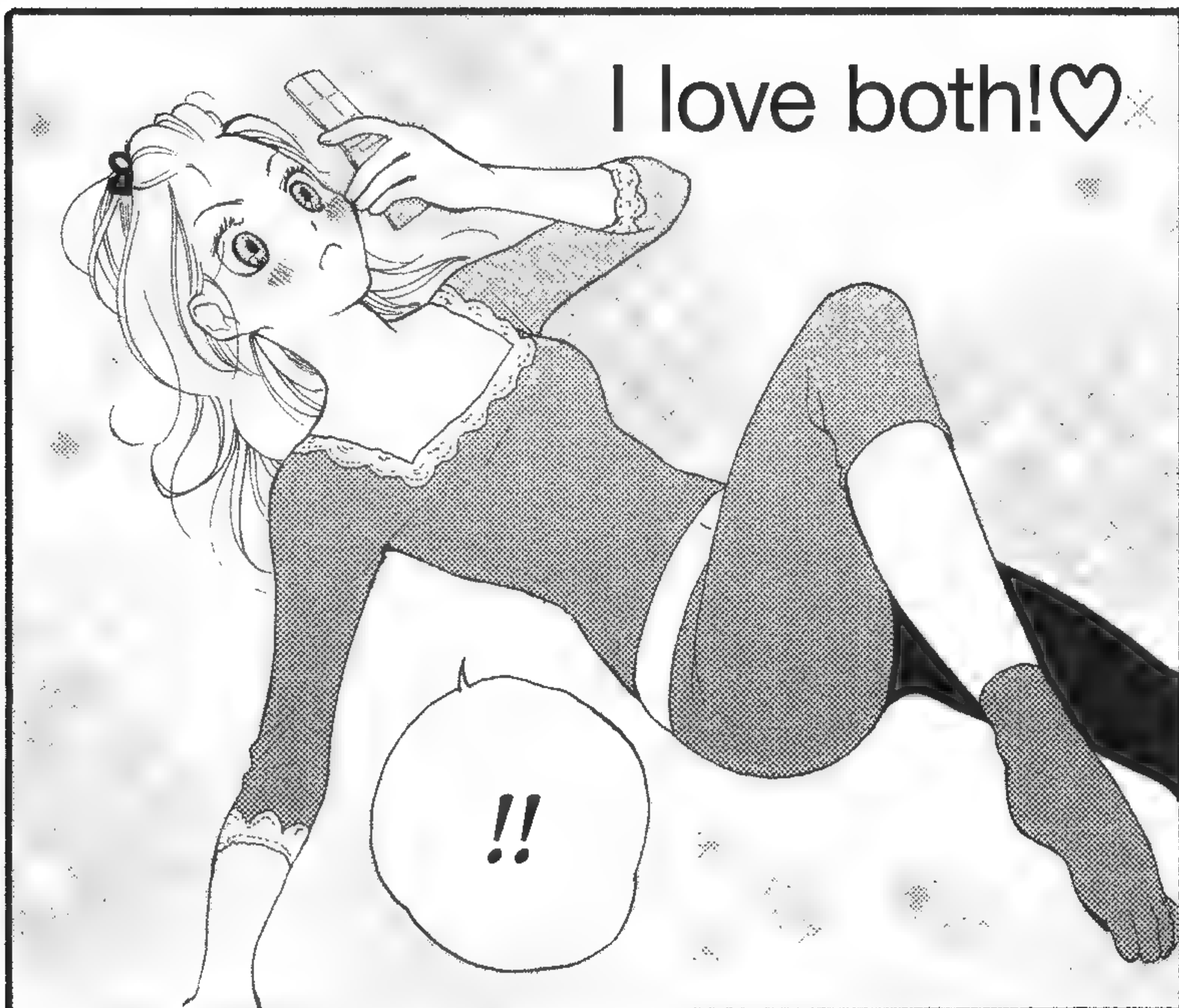
You can do it! 🚩  
Your teacher supports you!

Hee  
hee  
hee!



I forgot... 😞

DOOM



I love both! ♡ ✨

!!



I want some!

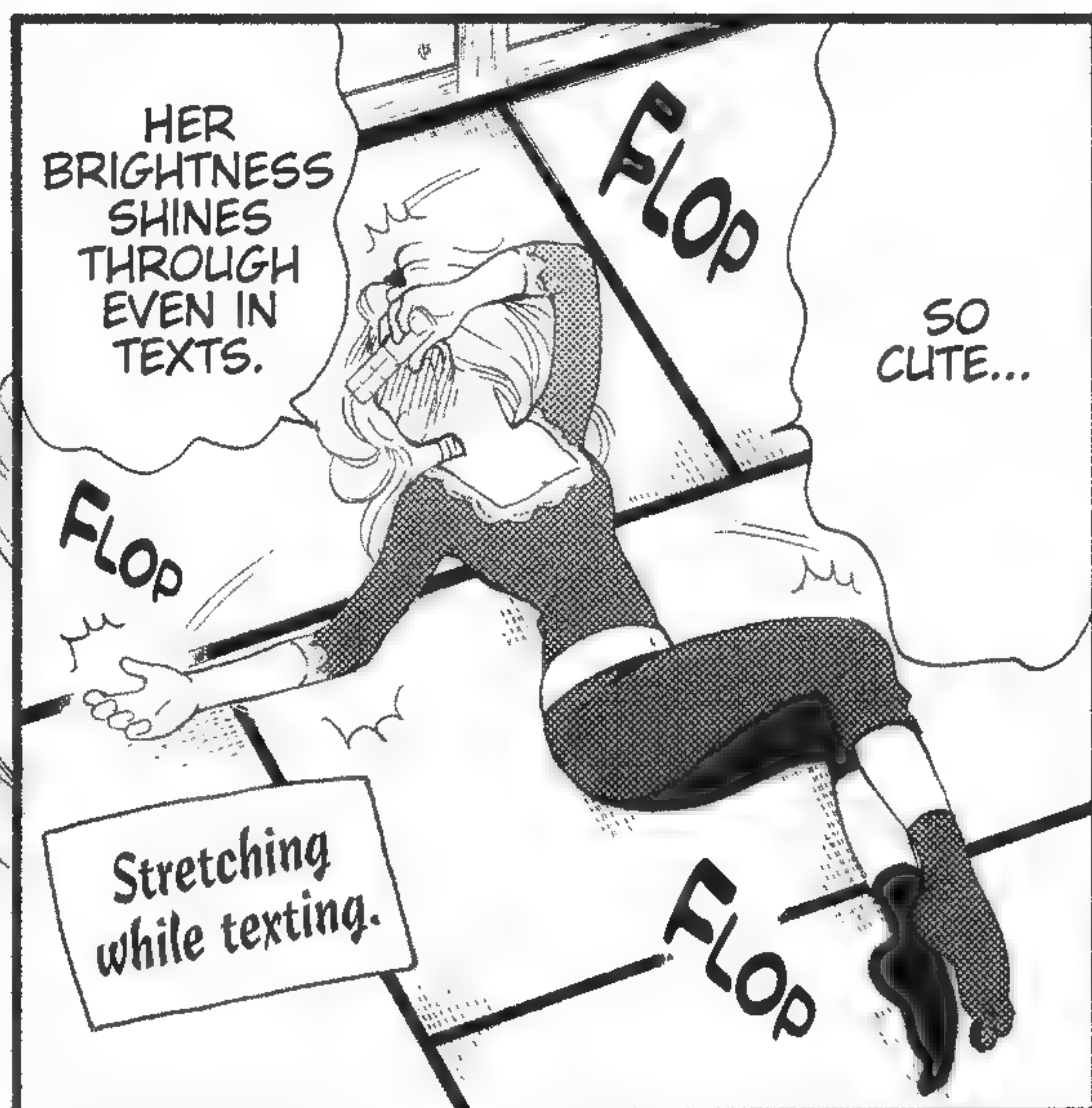
Let's go!

Sensei and cake...



I SHOULDN'T COMPARE MYSELF TO EMI-CHAN. I'M LETTING HER AGE GET ME DOWN.

I'VE GOT TO QUIT IT!



HER BRIGHTNESS SHINES THROUGH EVEN IN TEXTS.

SO CUTE...

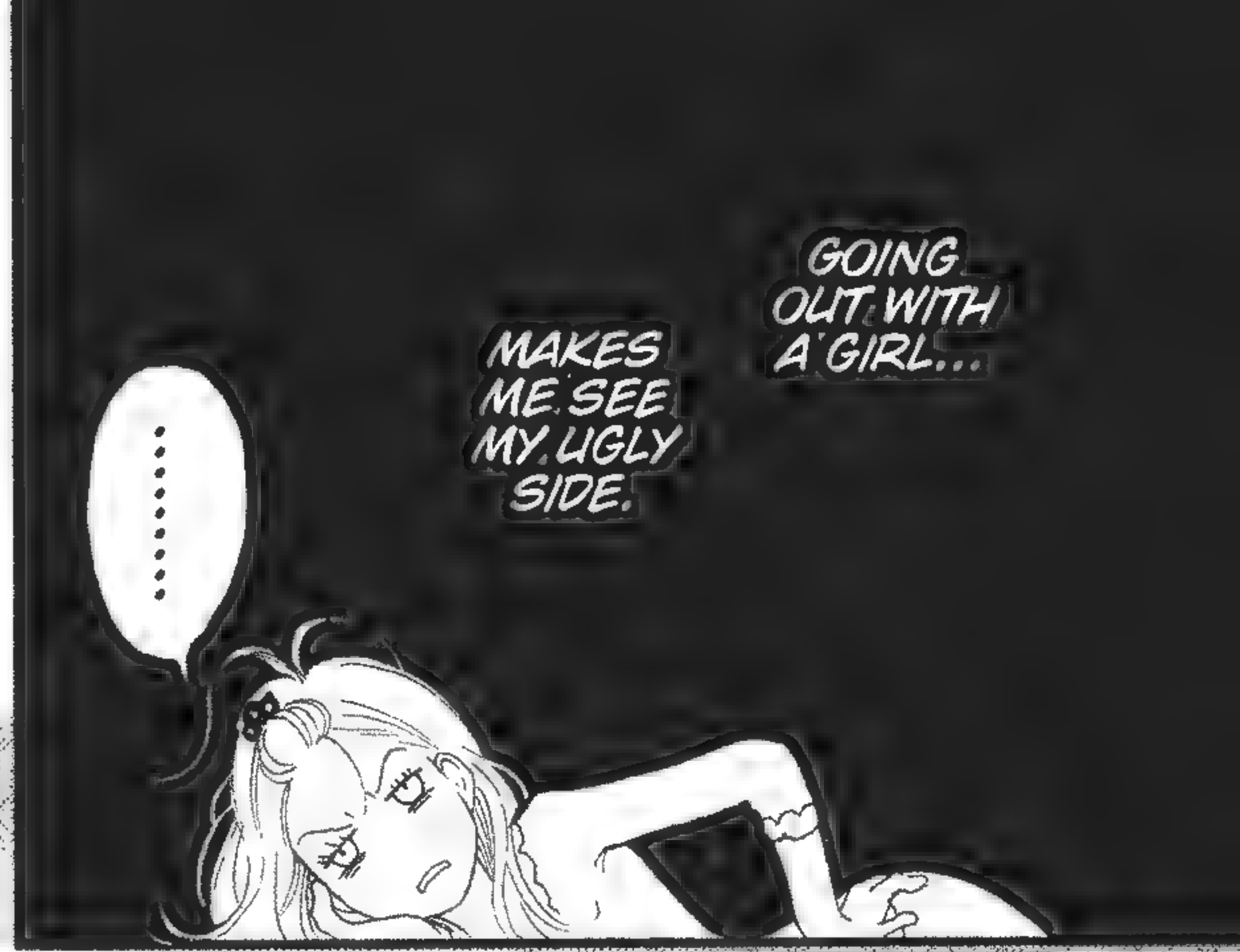
Flop

Flop

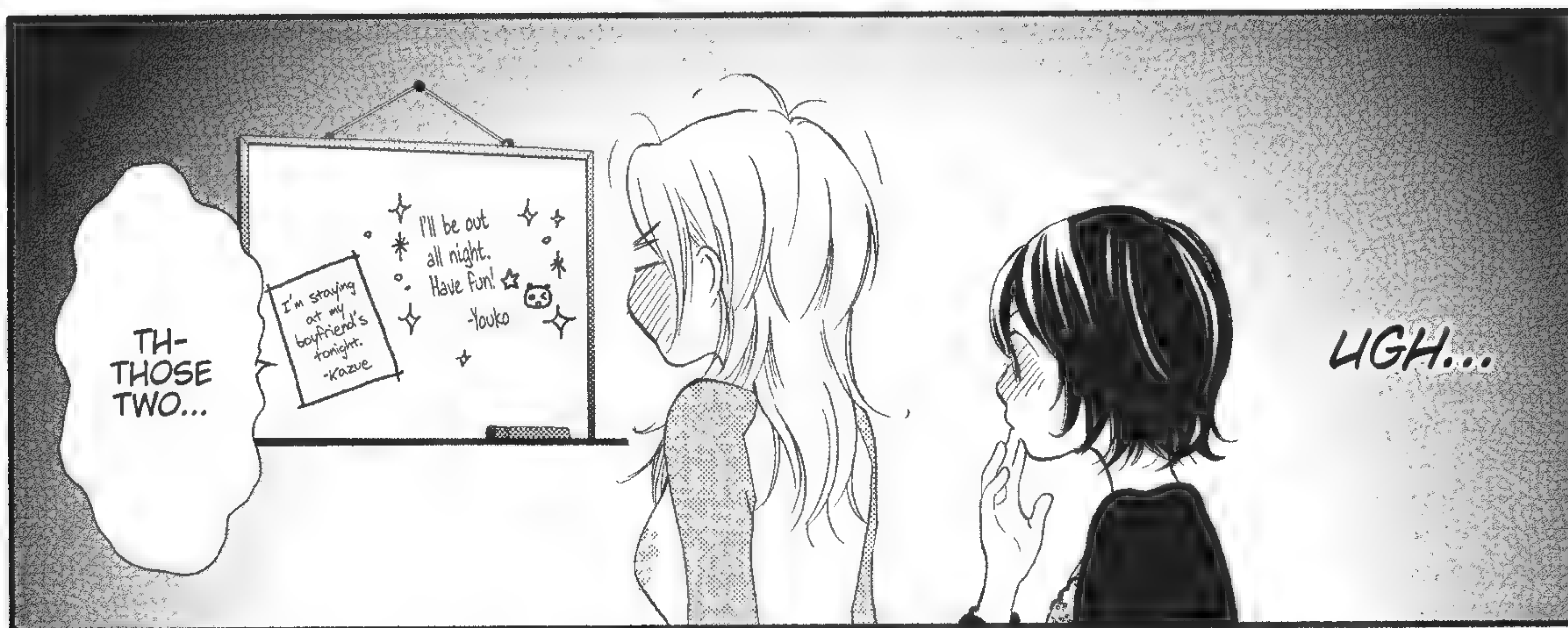
Flop

Stretching while texting.

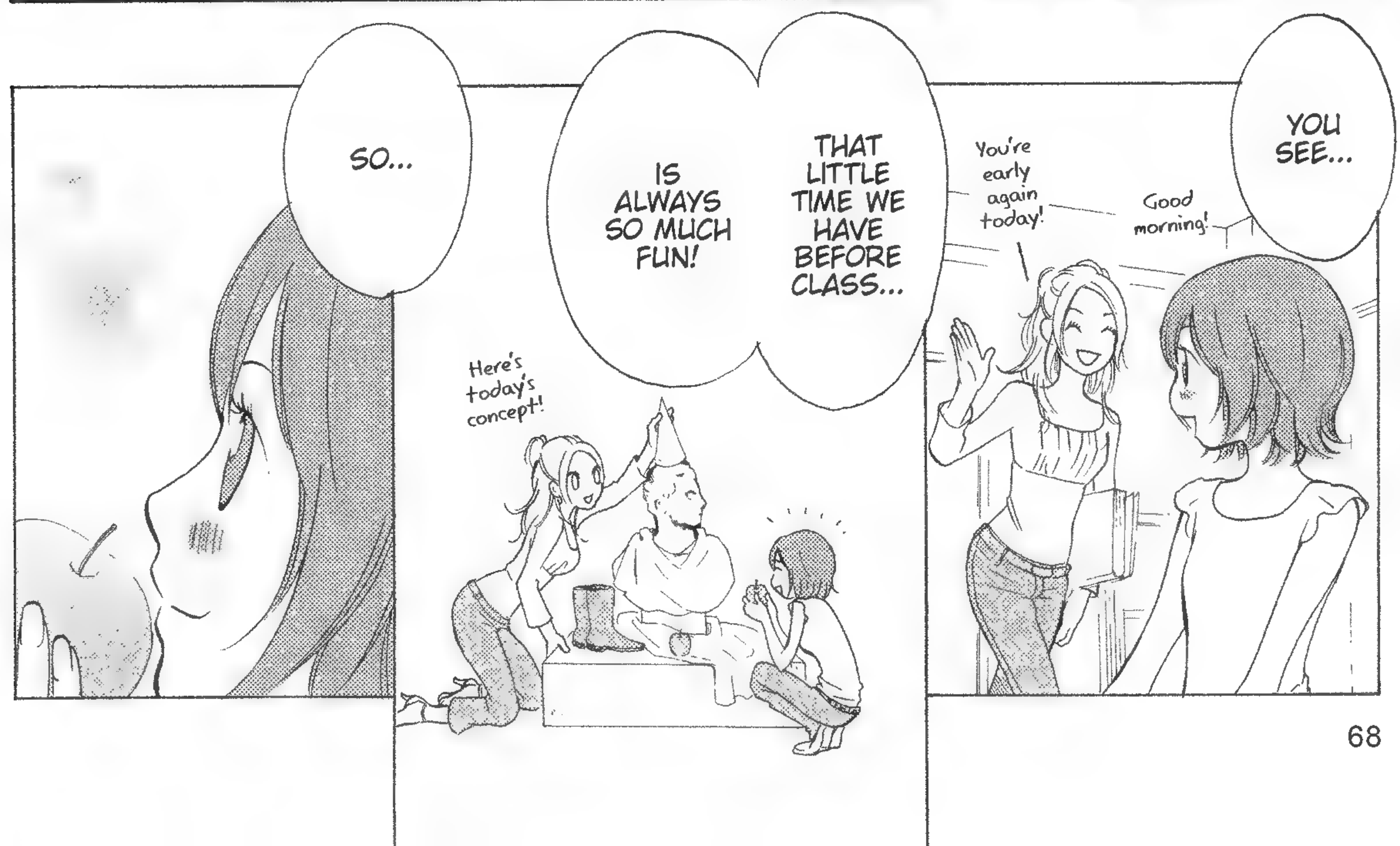
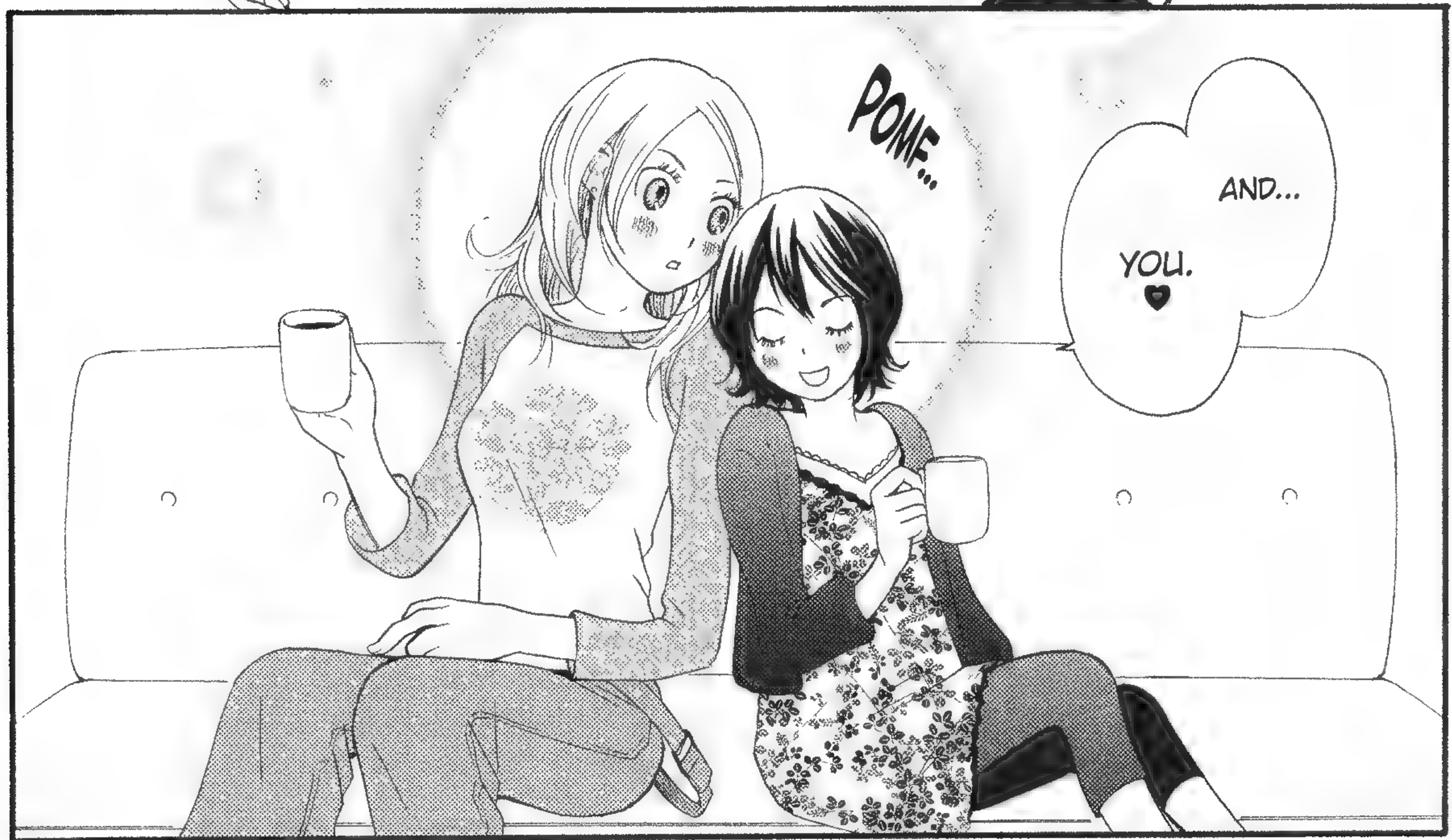
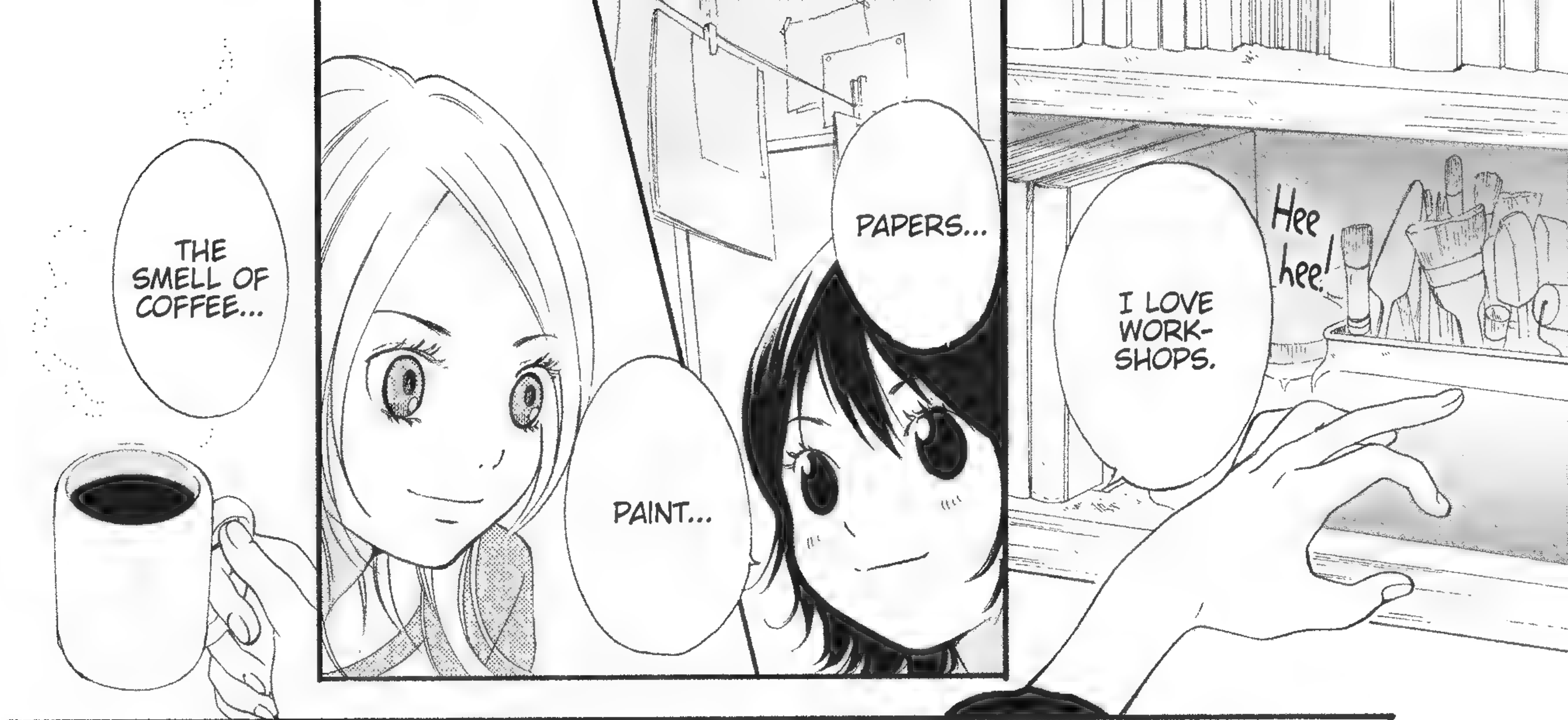










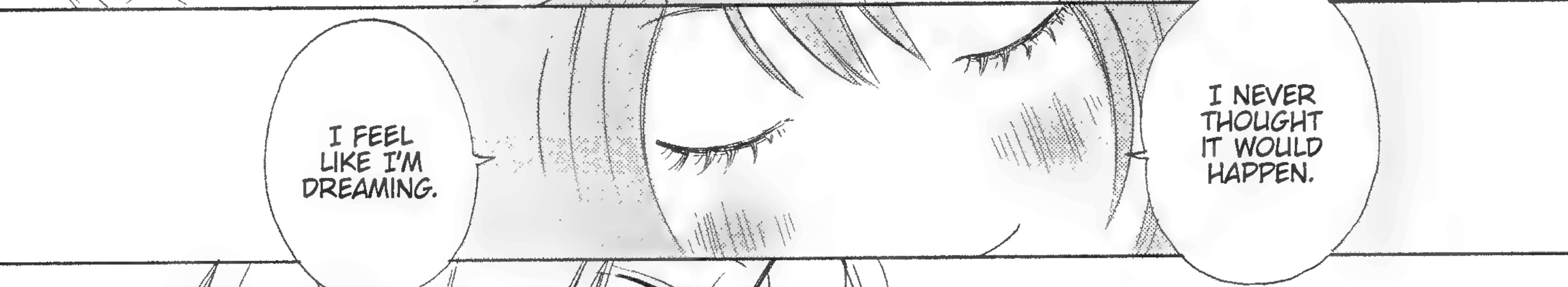






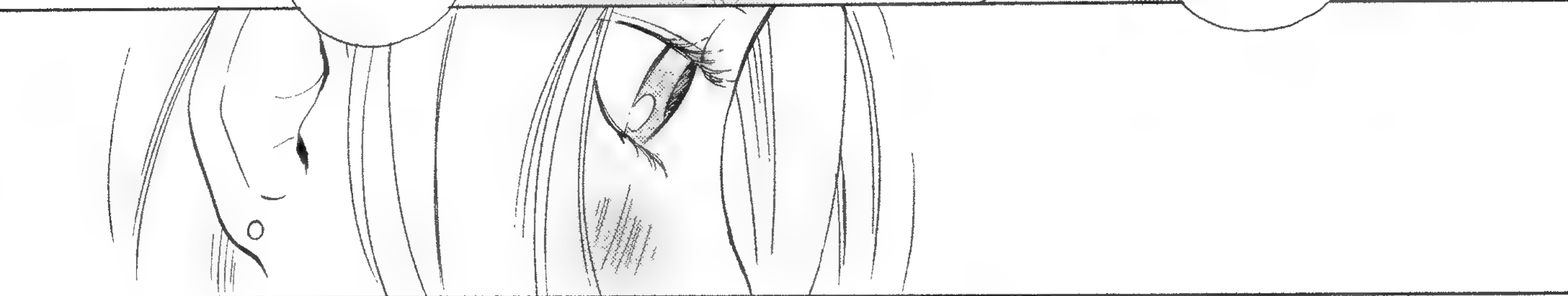
IF I  
COULD  
SPEND  
MORE  
TIME WITH  
YOU LIKE  
THIS.

I'VE  
ALWAYS  
THOUGHT  
I'D BE  
HAPPIER...



I FEEL  
LIKE I'M  
DREAMING.

I NEVER  
THOUGHT  
IT WOULD  
HAPPEN.



MORE  
THAN  
EVER...



I WANT  
TO  
RETURN  
HER  
FEELINGS.

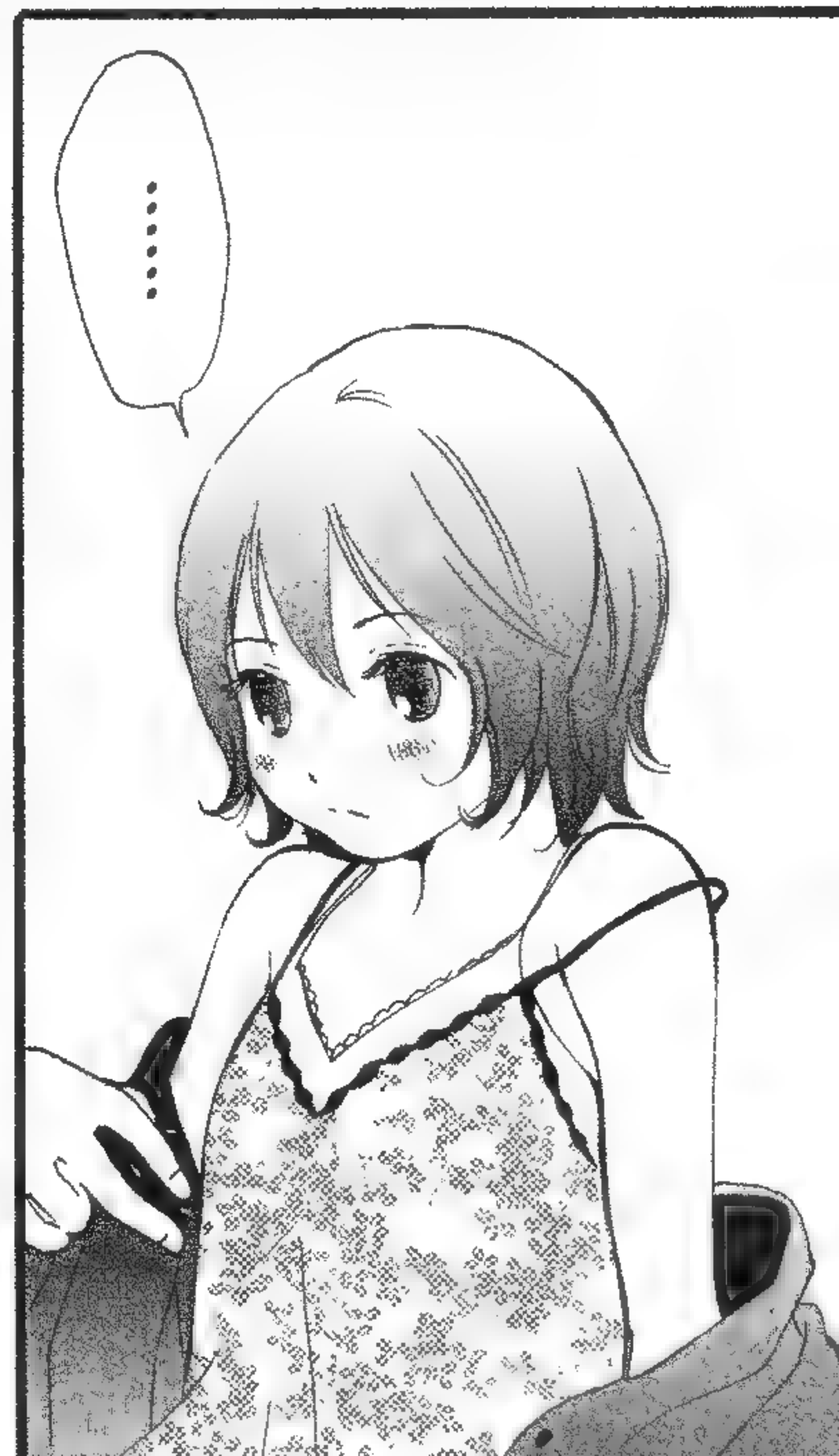
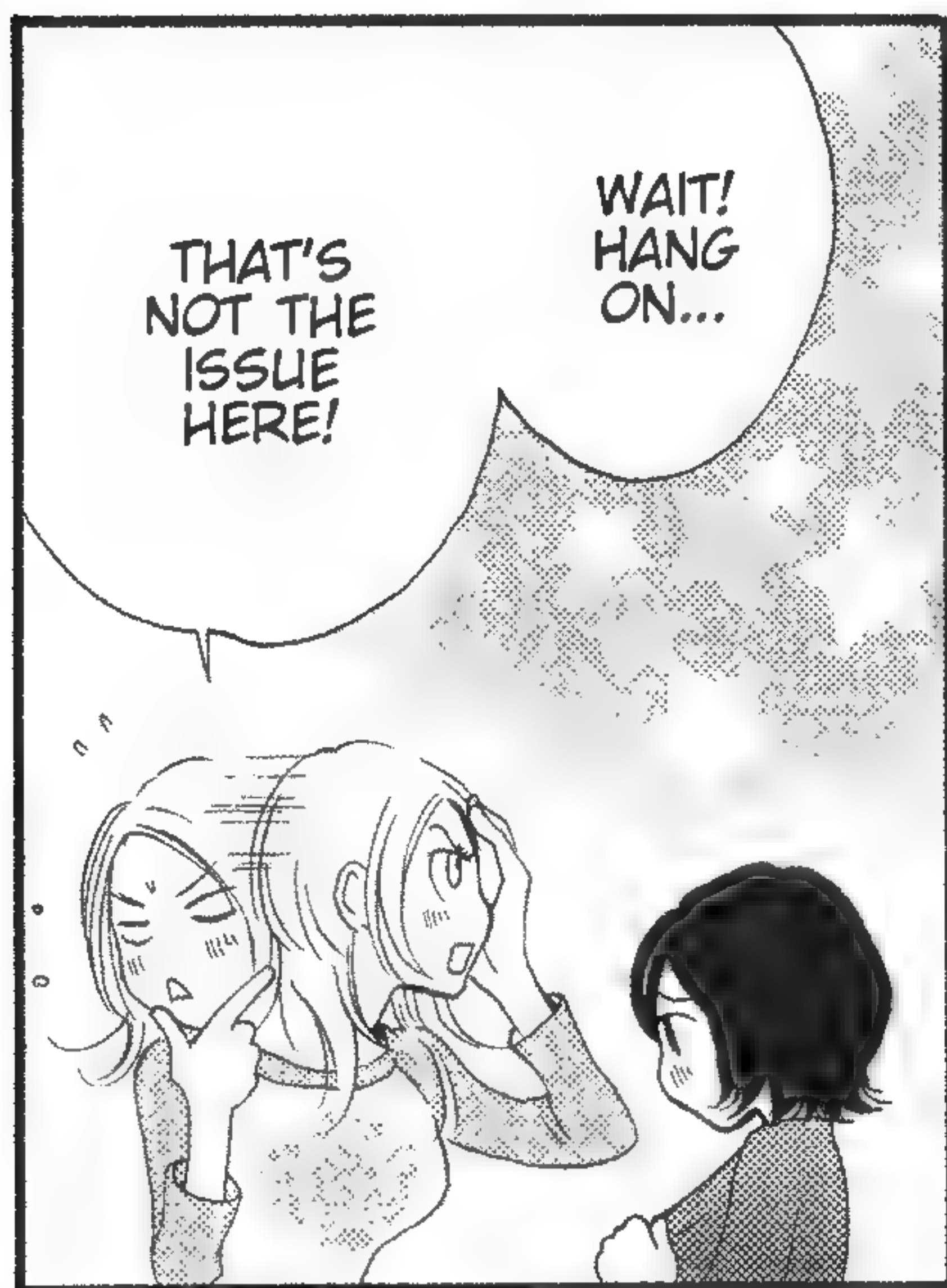


I DIDN'T  
KNOW SHE  
FELT THAT  
WAY.

THANK  
YOU.











AND  
IT  
GETS  
ME  
DOWN.

I KEEP  
COMPARING  
MYSELF TO  
YOU...



?!

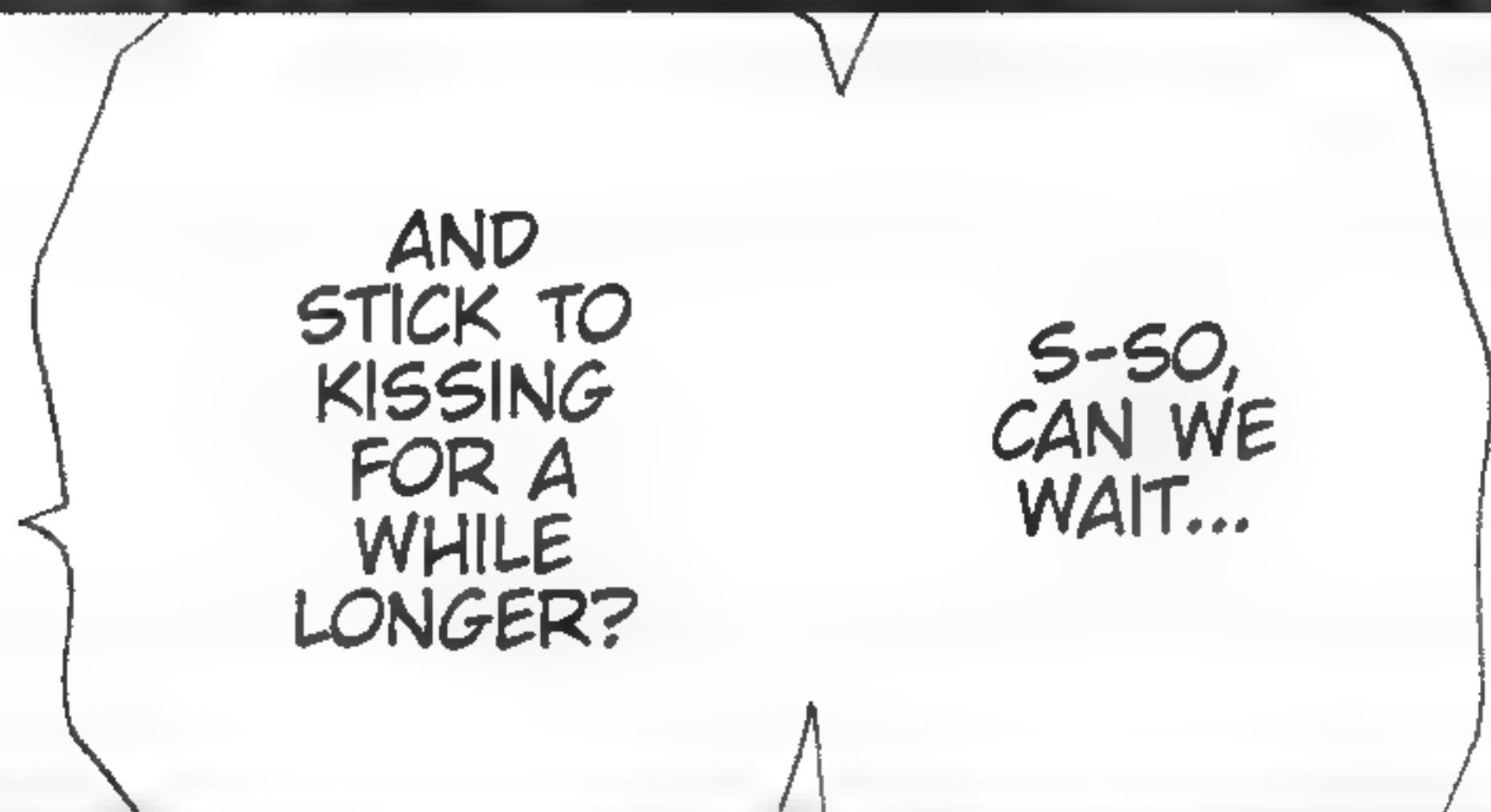
YOU'RE  
SO  
BRIGHT  
AND  
HAPPY!

IT'S  
BECAUSE  
YOU'RE  
TOO  
CUTE!!



I DON'T  
KNOW  
IF I'M  
GOOD  
ENOUGH  
FOR YOU.  
IT SCARES  
ME.

I'M  
DISGUSTED  
WITH  
MYSELF!



AND  
STICK  
TO  
KISSING  
FOR A  
WHILE  
LONGER?

S-SO,  
CAN WE  
WAIT...



HUG  
HUG  
HUG

YOU'RE  
JUST LIKE  
A HIGH  
SCHOOLER!

SO  
CUTE!

YOU'RE...



How  
do I do  
this?!

HMM?

IS  
THIS...

TO BE  
LOST IN  
WHAT TO  
DO...

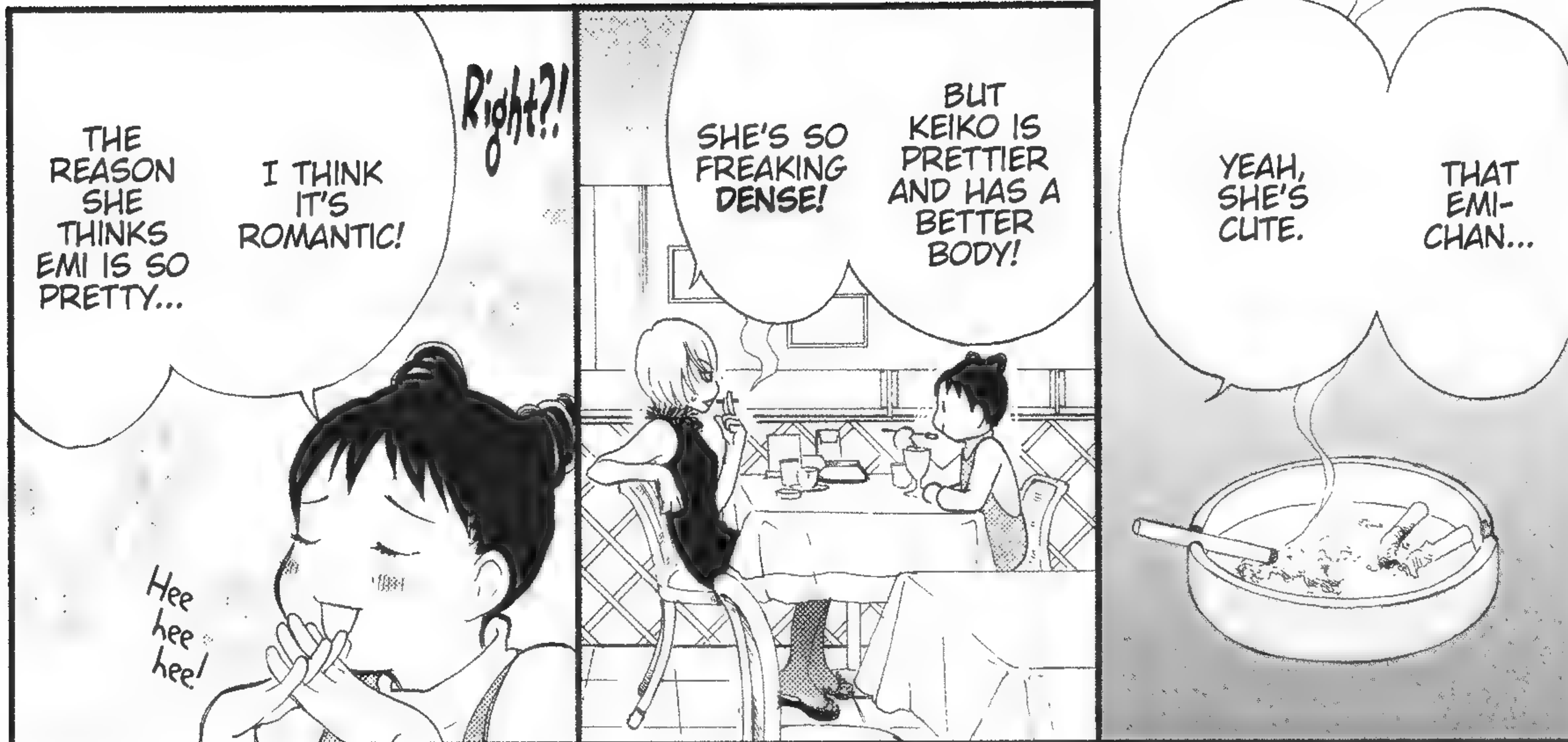
TO  
NOT HAVE  
CONFIDENCE  
IN MYSELF...

TO  
WORRY  
ABOUT  
LITTLE  
THINGS...

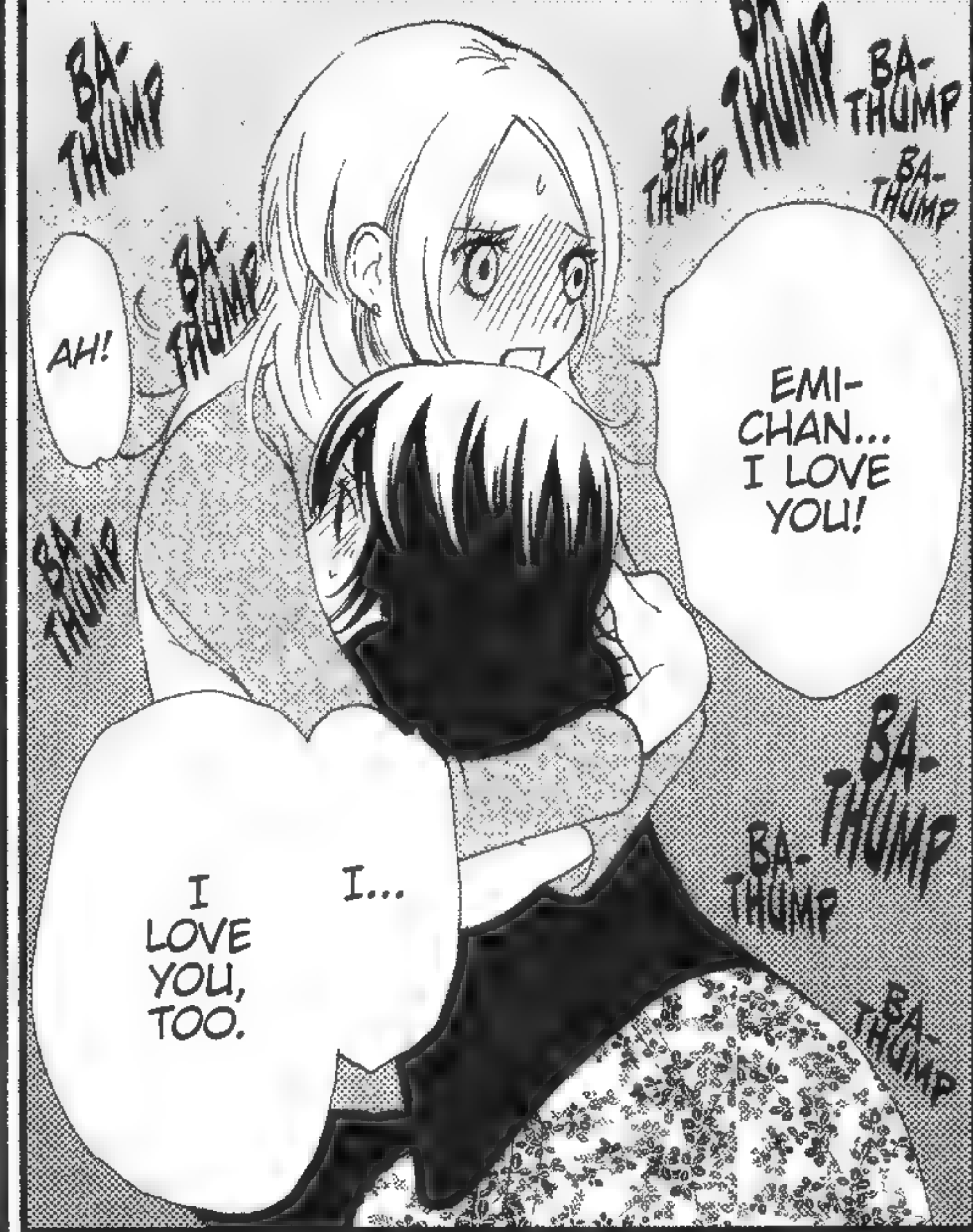
WHAT IT'S  
LIKE TO  
FALL IN  
LOVE?









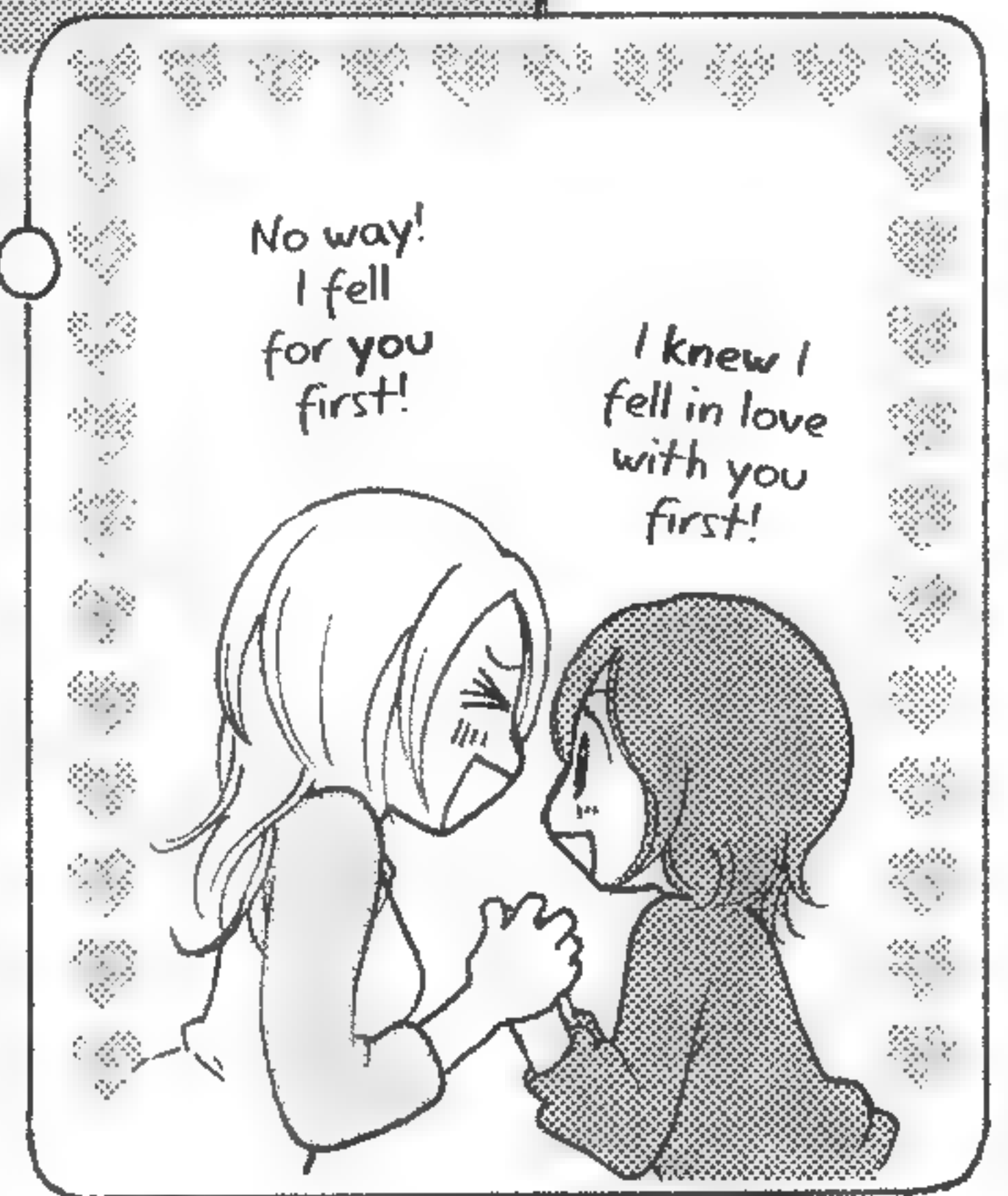
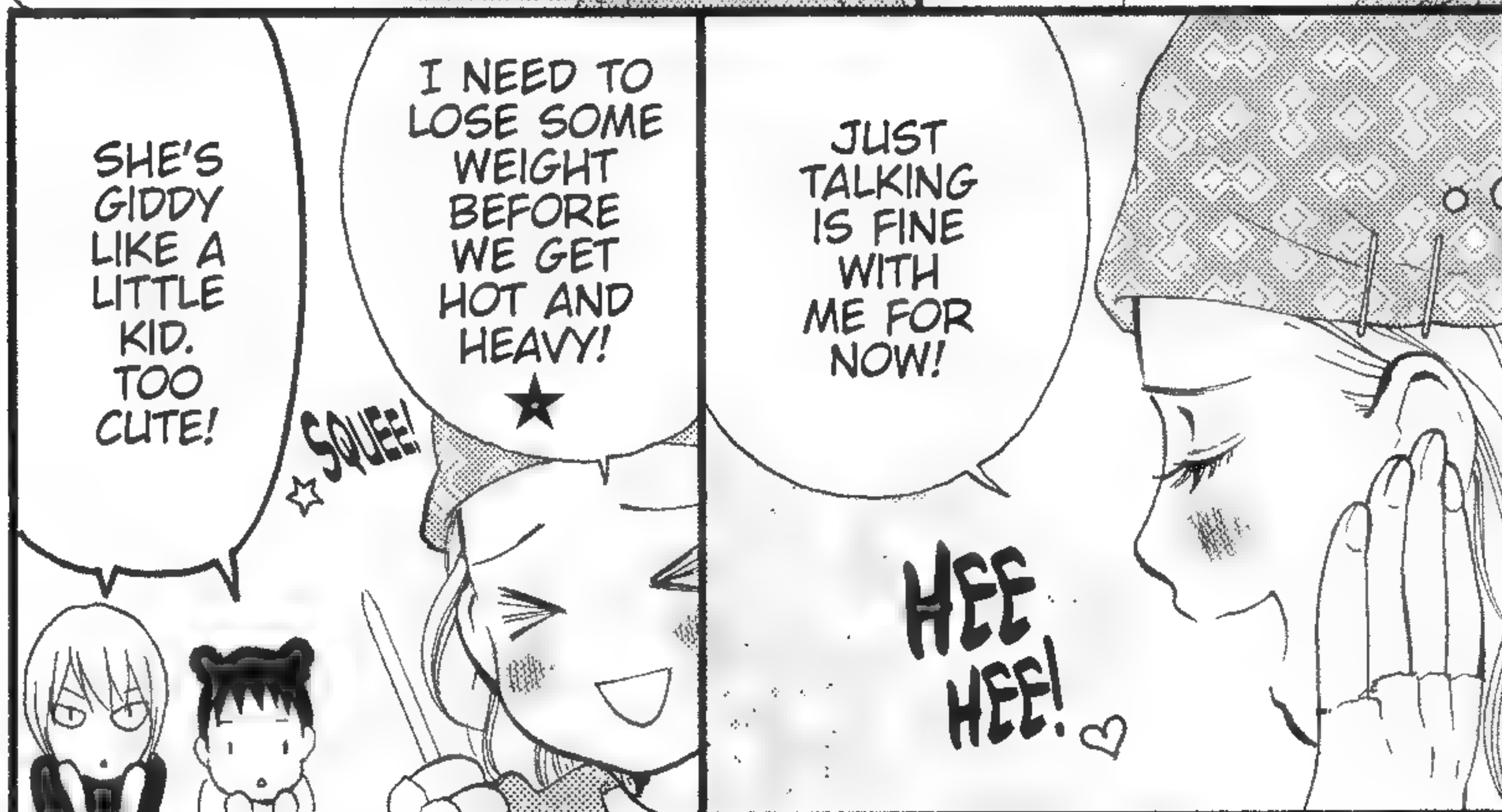




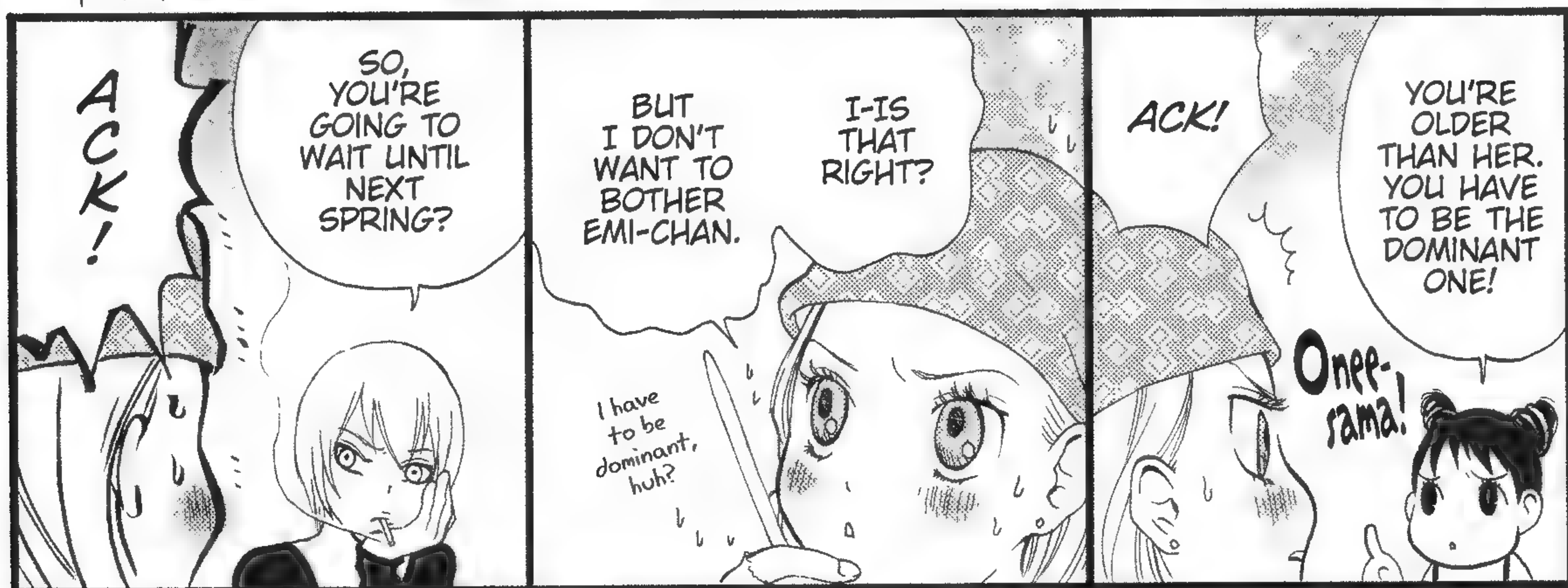
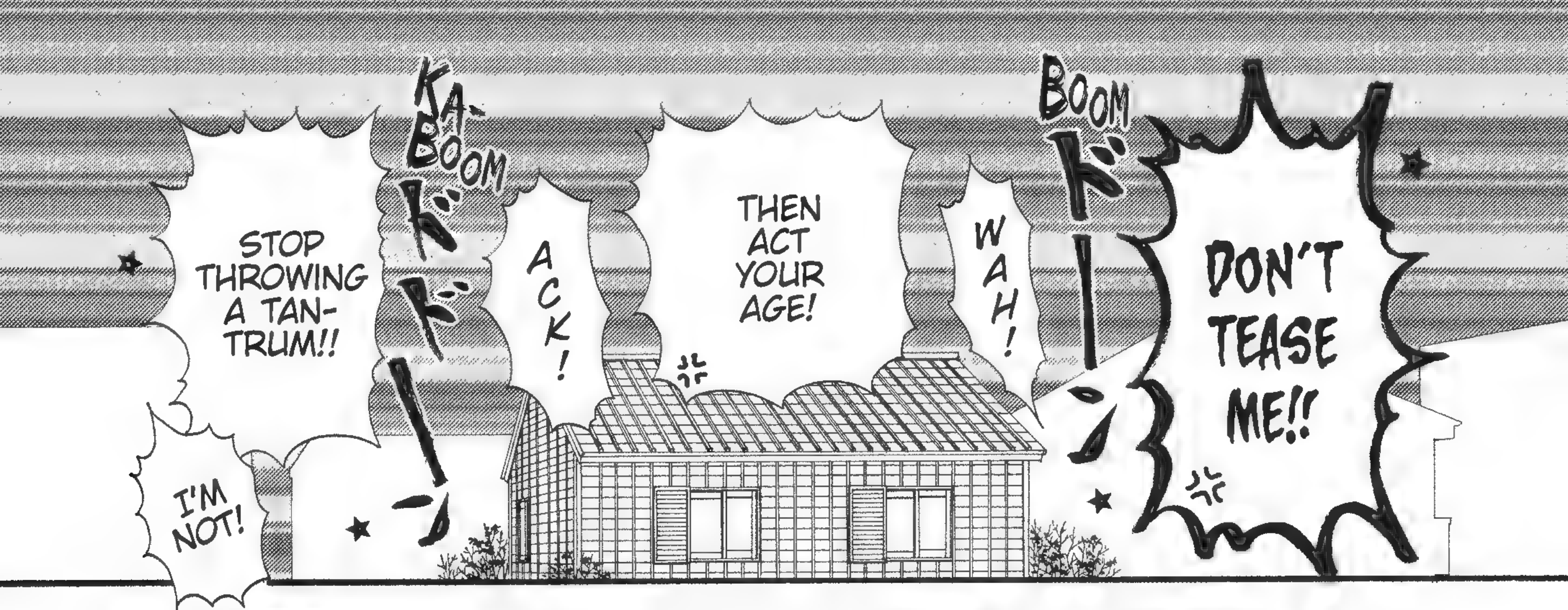


## The Opposite of Aggression is Defense

# Aggression [↔] Defense











YES, PLEASE!

LET ME WARM YOU UP!

I HAVE A HEAT PACK IN MY POCKET!

GLOMP



ARE YOU OKAY?

WHOOOSH

BRR!



I PRAYED THAT YOU'LL GET ACCEPTED TO COLLEGE!

WANT TO GRAB SOME FOOD?

All right!

YES, I'M GETTING COLD.



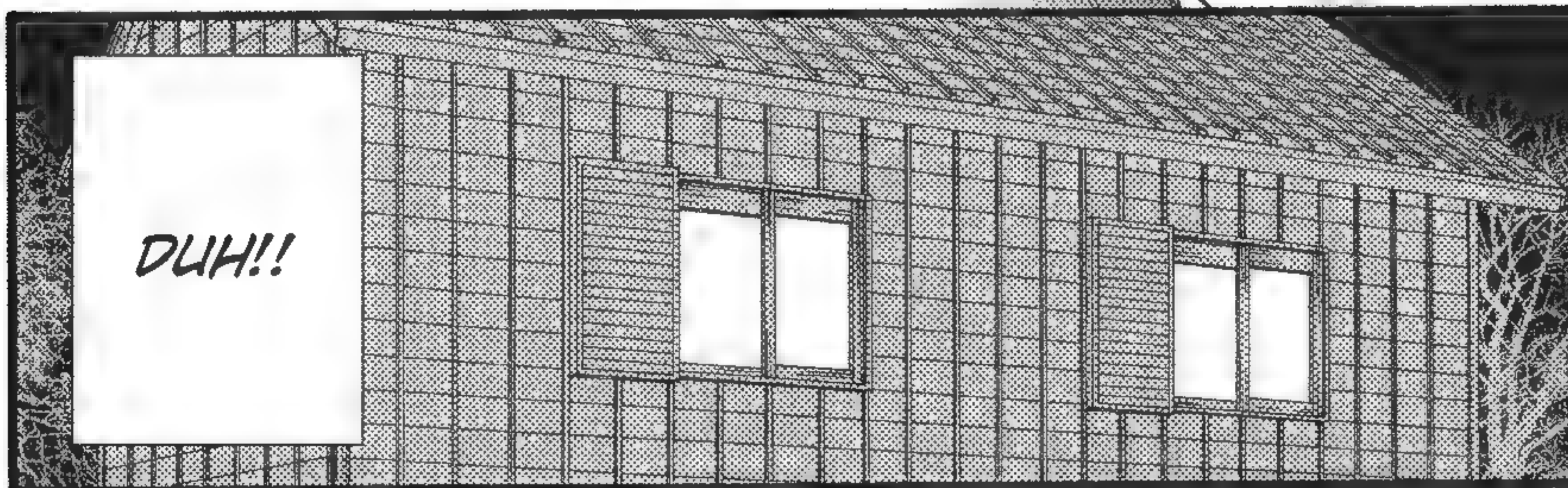
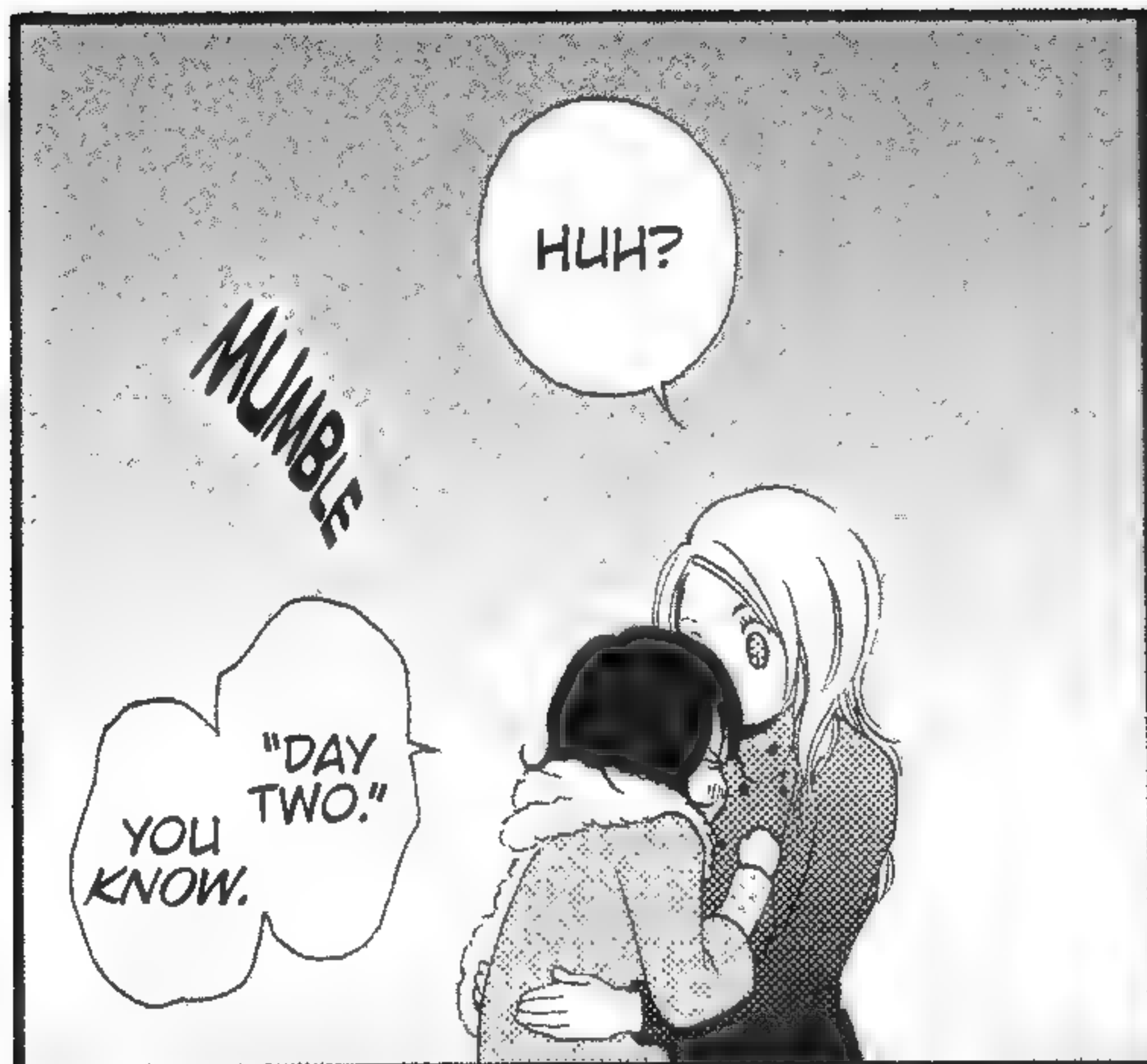
YOU'RE...

STAYING OVER TONIGHT, RIGHT?

Y-YES.

BUT, UM, KEIKO-SENSEI...





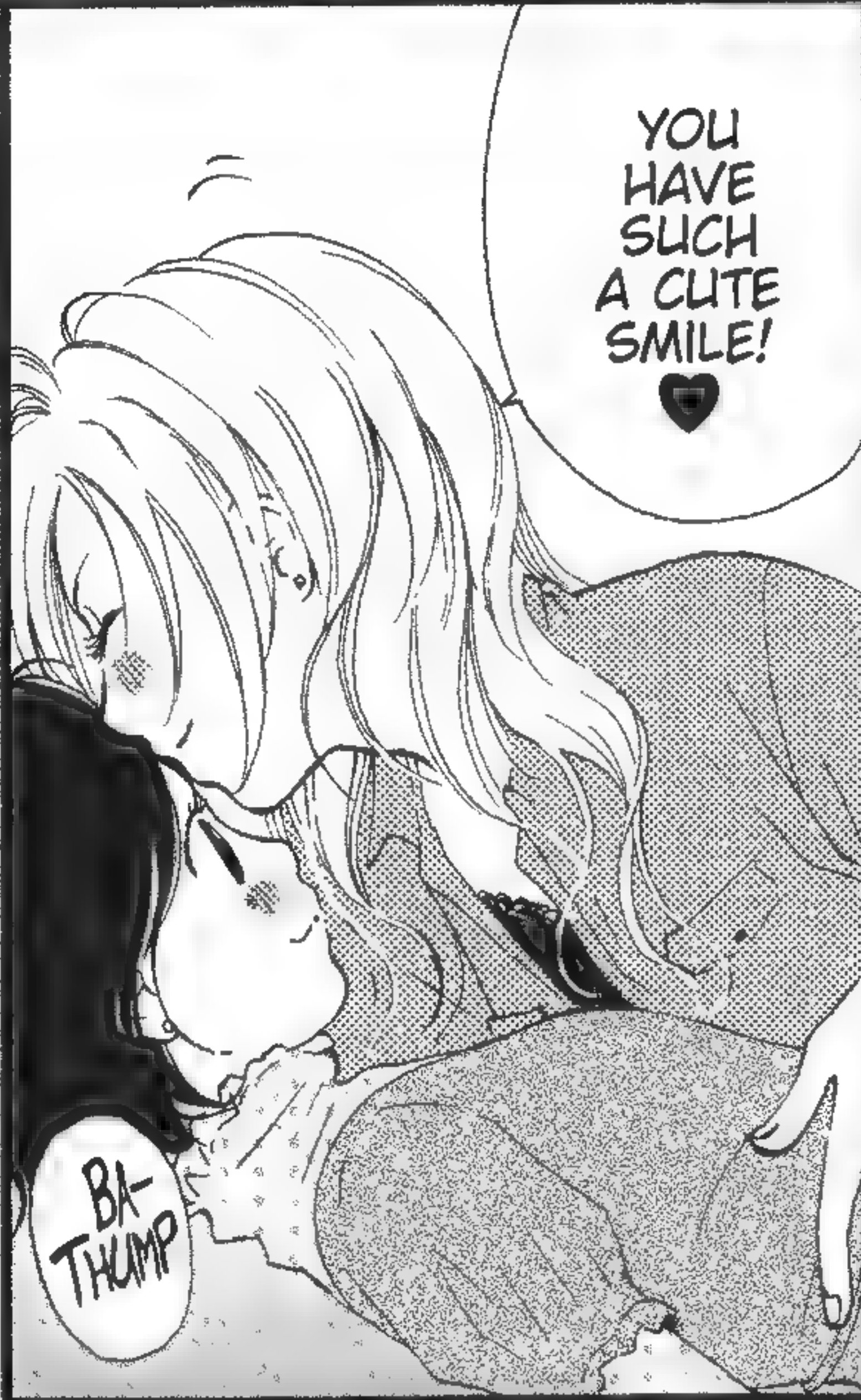
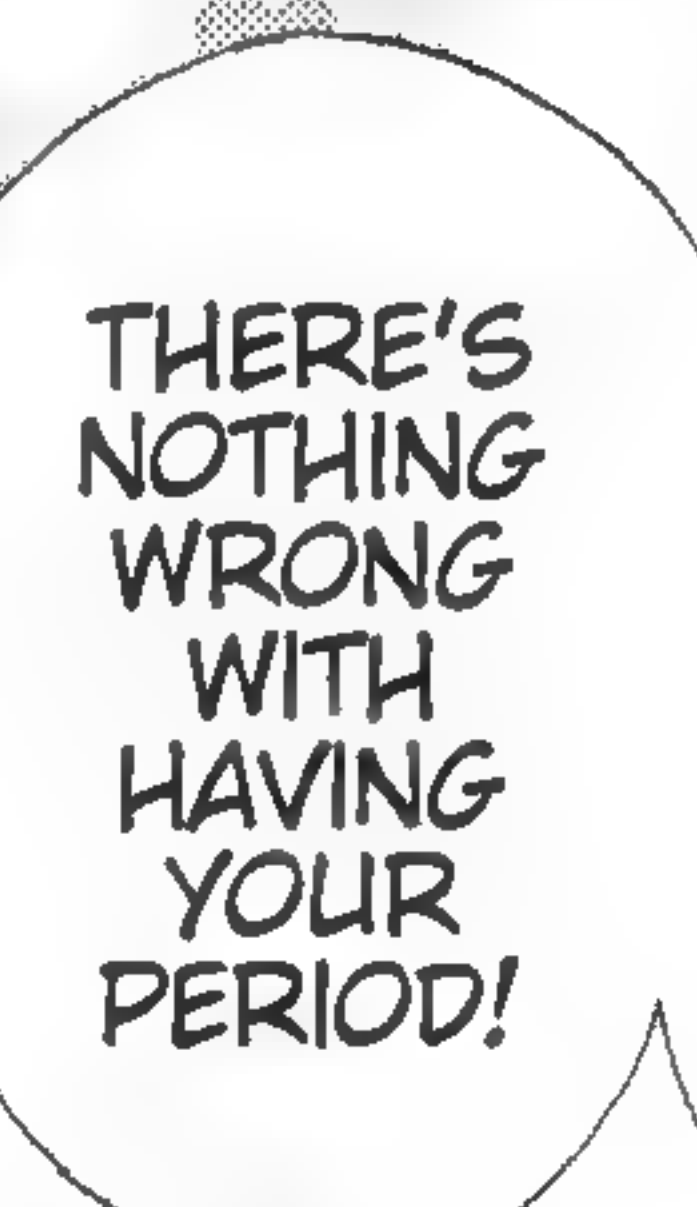
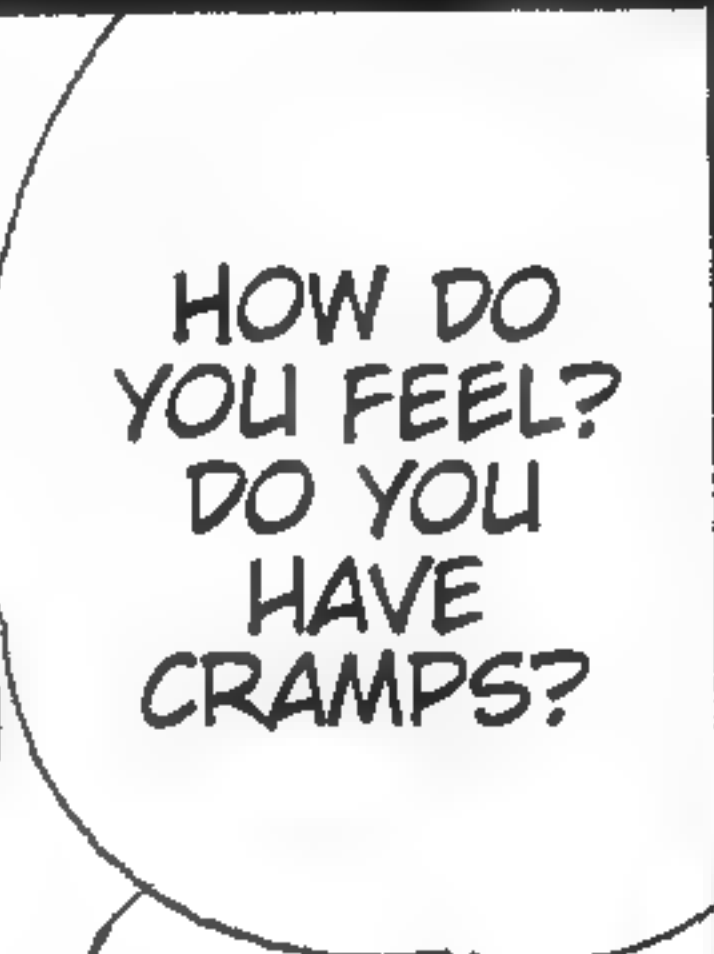
THUNK



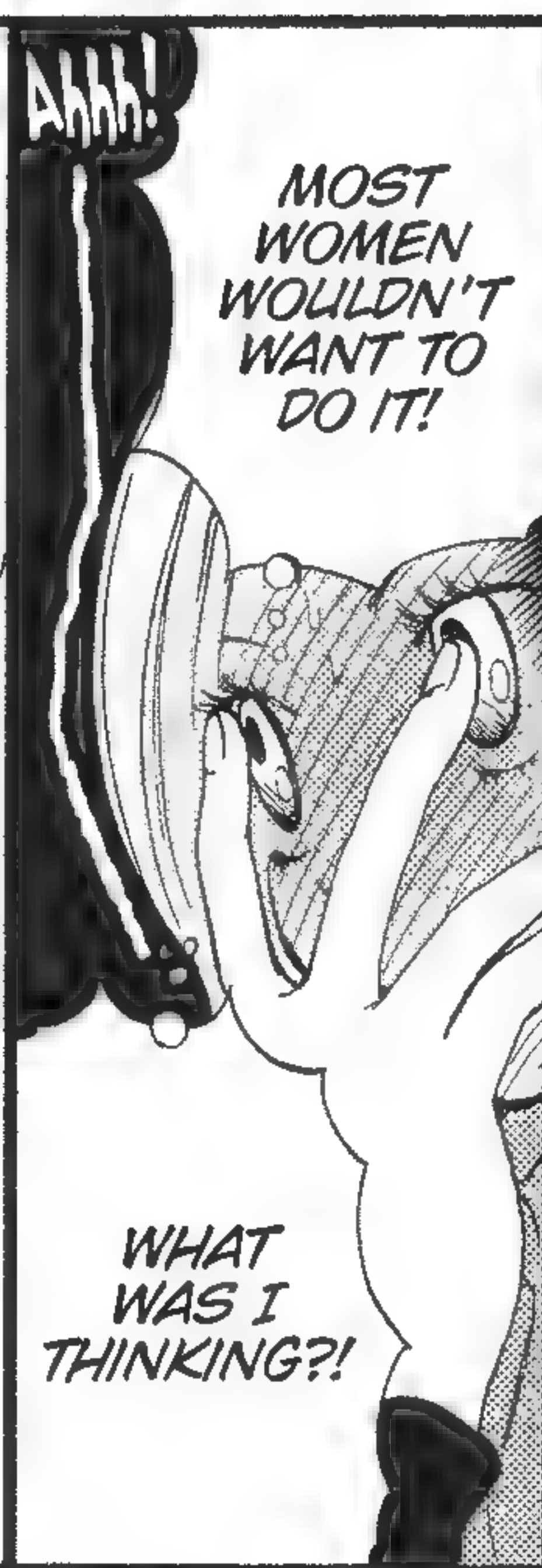
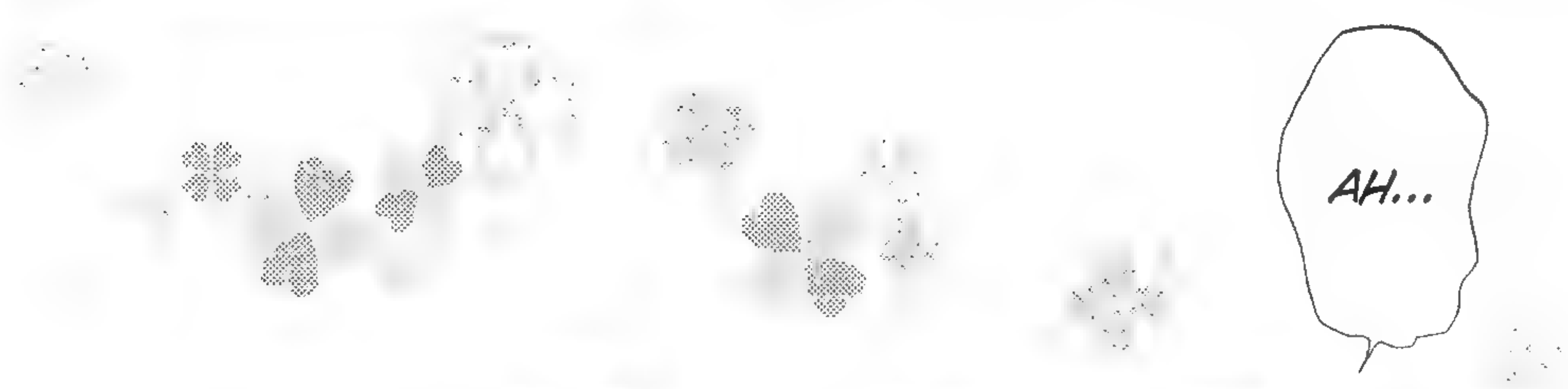
Sigh...



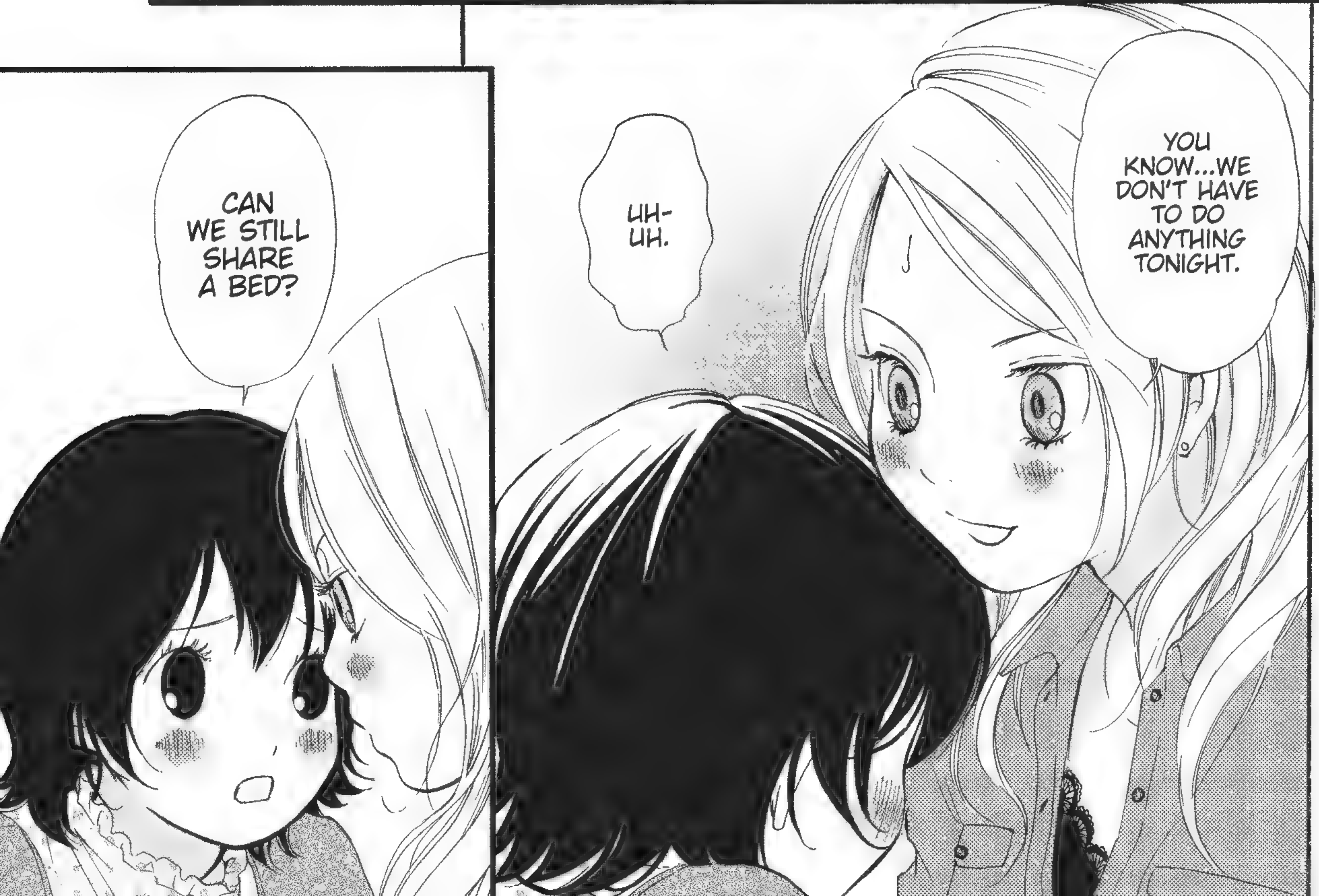
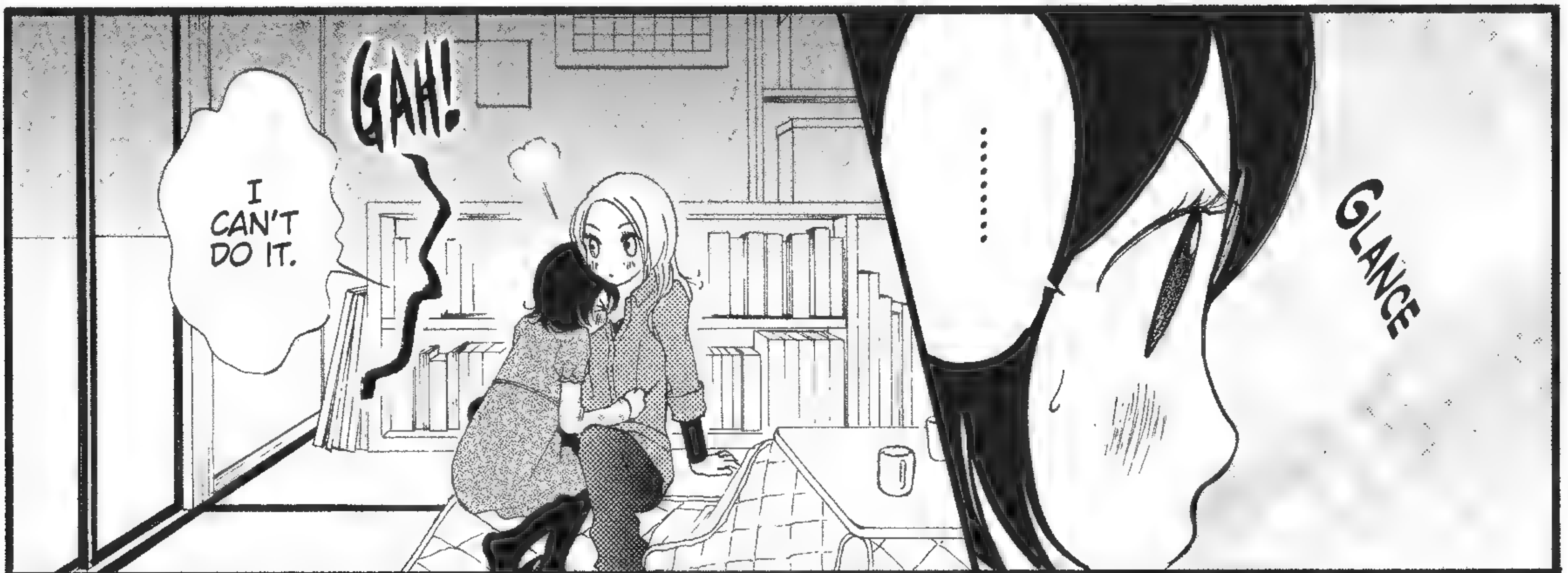
















IT  
WAS  
HELL.

LOOKED  
AFTER  
SWEET  
EMI-  
CHAN.

THAT  
NIGHT,  
KEIKO-  
SAN...

JUST  
AROUND  
THE  
CORNER!!

LEAVE  
ME  
ALONE!!

Shut  
up!!



THE  
CHERRY  
BLOSSOM  
SEASON  
IS...







# The Conditions of Paradise





men's Discussion Series  
**HOW TO HAVE  
A GREAT  
RELATIONSHIP!**

"THE  
KEY TO  
ROMANCE  
IS SELF-  
IMPROVE-  
MENT."

"HOW  
TO HAVE  
A GREAT  
RELATION-  
SHIP!"

THIS  
MONTH'S  
FEATURE!

**KICHIYA PUBLISHING**

IT'S  
TRUE!



YEAH,  
IT WAS  
A BIG  
HIT!

HA  
HA  
HA!

MY  
FIRST  
COVER  
STORY!

WHAT'S  
NEXT?



"You can  
love him  
for who  
he is if  
you have a  
fulfilling  
career or  
hobby."

R-san,  
actress.

"Don't  
ask too  
much  
from  
your  
boy-  
friend."

S-san,  
fashion  
model.

YUP,  
YUP!



I  
ENJOY  
MUSIC.

YES, A  
DRESS  
REHEARSAL.

DO YOU  
HAVE A  
FLUTE  
LESSON  
TODAY?

I HAVE  
A FUL-  
FILLING  
CAREER.

That's  
what  
the boss  
wants!

Being  
popular is  
always  
important!

The  
influencer  
trend is  
dying.

I AM  
LIVING  
MY  
BEST  
LIFE.





YOU'RE  
FINALLY  
HOME!

SHI-  
NOBU  
?!

I'M  
BA--



THE ONE  
I LOVE  
WILL BE  
WAITING  
FOR ME.

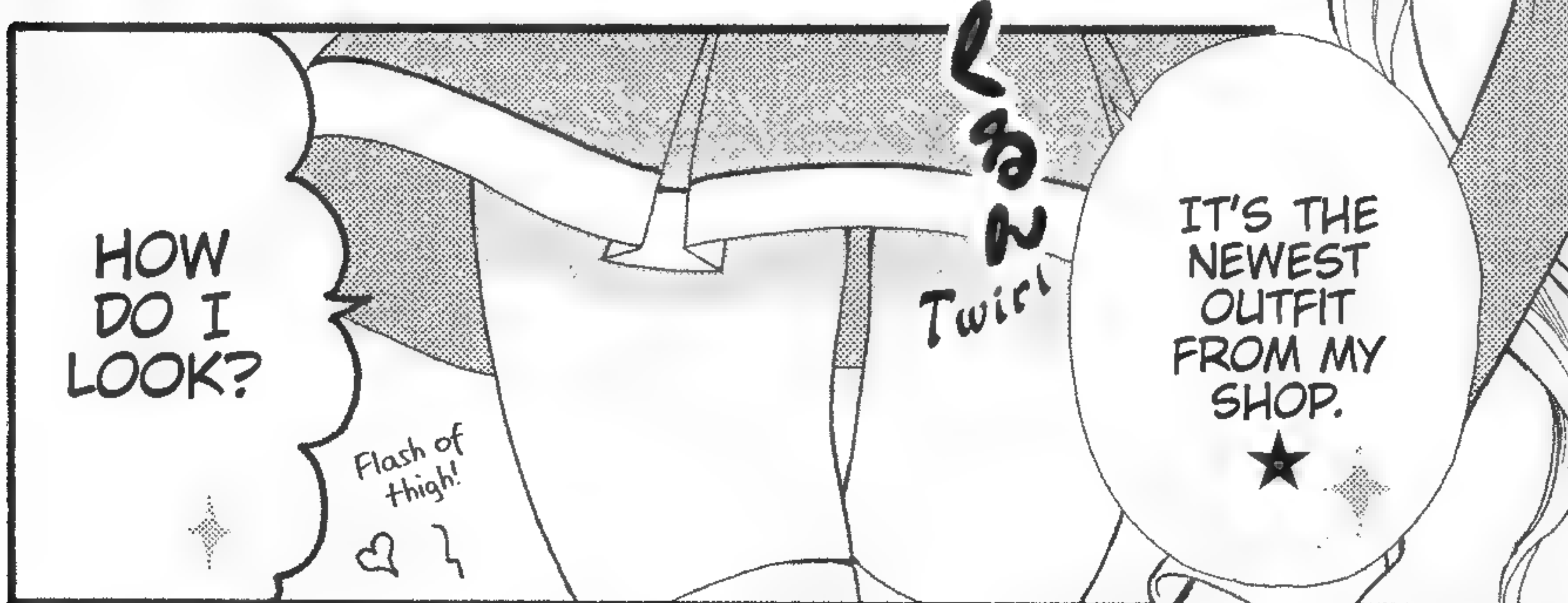
WHEN  
I GET  
HOME...



L-  
LALAH-  
SENPAI?!

What  
the--?!

DID  
WORK  
AND THE  
DRESS  
REHEARSAL  
GO WELL?



HOW  
DO I  
LOOK?

Flash of  
thigh!  
♡ }

ら  
ら  
ら  
Twirl

IT'S THE  
NEWEST  
OUTFIT  
FROM MY  
SHOP.  
★



THIS  
REALLY  
TAKES  
ME  
BACK.

HUG  
♡

DON'T  
BRING  
UP MY  
AGE!

LOOKS  
GOOD.

IT'S  
HARD TO  
BELIEVE  
YOU'RE  
TWENTY-  
NINE.



SHE  
MADE  
ME HAPPY  
WHEN I  
WAS GOING  
THROUGH  
A TOUGH  
TIME.

WHEN  
I WAS  
YOUNGER...

I WAS  
THIRTEEN  
AND SHE WAS  
SEVENTEEN.

WE MET  
EACH  
OTHER  
TWELVE  
YEARS  
AGO.

"YOU  
MEAN THE  
WORLD  
TO ME,  
SENPAI!"

"I  
LOVE  
YOU!"

And We **Strive** for Love

I WANT  
TO  
MAKE  
HER  
HAPPY.

SO,  
THIS  
TIME...





I WANNA GO!

I WANNA GO TO THE FLUTE RECITAL!

Wah!

WHAT DID YOU HAVE FOR DINNER?

DAT DAT DAT

I HATE HAVING TO WORK WEEKENDS!

SATURDAY'S YOUR BUSIEST DAY!

BUT YOU HAVE WORK!

TAKA TAKA

Brought work home.

DAT DAT DAT

THAT'S WHAT I HAD, TOO!

I HAD PASTA WITH MY MUSICIAN FRIENDS.

TAKA TAKA

SPAGHETTI NEAPOLITAN AT A MAID CAFÉ!

Fresh pasta! TAGLIATELLE WITH SUMMER VEGETABLES!

OUR CAREERS AND HOBBIES ARE... VERY DIFFERENT.

No, it's still cooked.

Isn't fresh pasta too chewy to eat?

What's taglia...?

It's a type of pasta.





Oh, walnut bread! ♡

BECAUSE I'M TWENTY-FIVE!

Shopping late at night.

HOW ARE YOU ALWAYS SO GROWN-UP?

YOU'RE SO MATURE, SHINOBU!

HOW ARE YOU ALWAYS SO CHILD-LIKE?

You want strawberry jam, right?

I'M SENDING IT TO MY MOTHER FOR HER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

A POST-CARD?

OH, YEAH!

ANYTHING ELSE WE NEED?

STATIONERY

THEY CAN BOTH ROT!!

LIKE HELL I WILL!!

WHY DON'T YOU SEND ONE TO YOUR PARENTS ...?

YUP!

OH! SO SHE AND THE NEW HUBBY ARE DOING WELL? ♪

That's great! ♪

GRR!









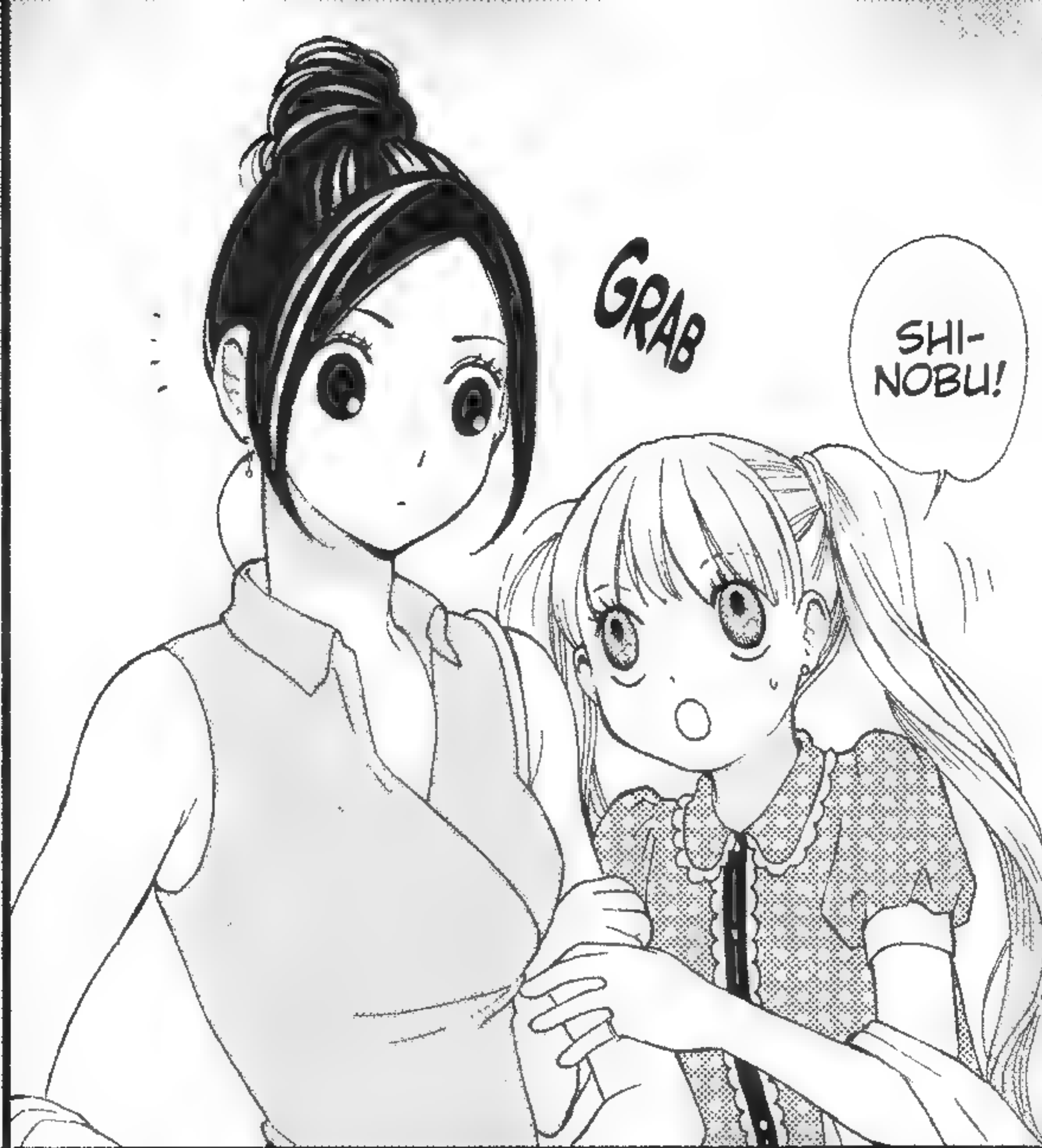
I STILL  
DON'T  
LIKE  
RAIN,  
THOUGH.



I'LL  
BE  
FINE.

DON'T  
WORRY!

B-  
BUT...



GRAB

SHI-  
NOBU!



WATCH  
YOUR  
STEP.

YOU'VE  
REALLY  
GROWN  
UP!

IT'S  
TRUE.



IT  
FEELS  
GROSS  
WHEN MY  
STOCKINGS  
GET  
WET!

!



SHI-  
NOBU?

YOU  
AWAKE?

LEADING  
SENPAI  
WHEN WE  
WALK  
TOGETHER.

NOW  
I'M  
THE  
ONE...







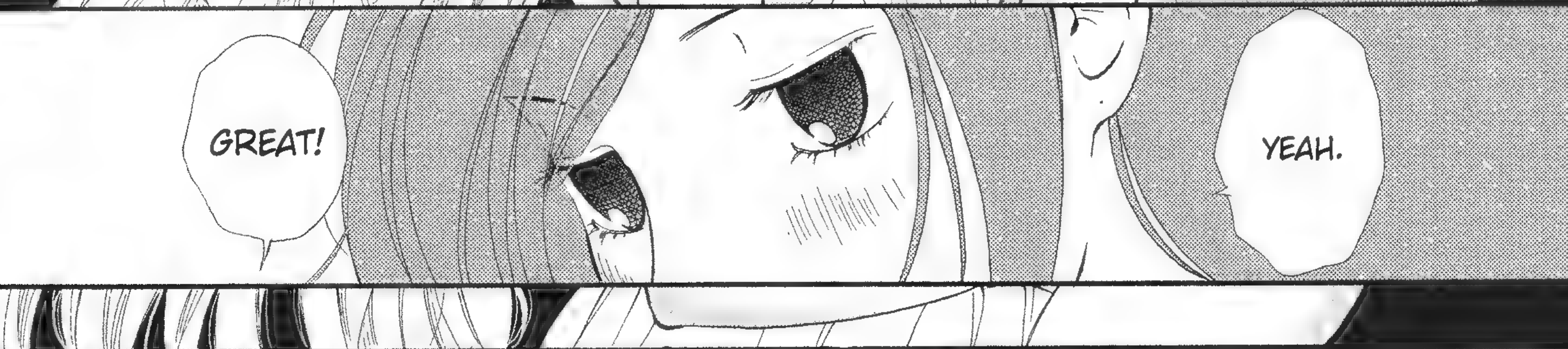


LOOSENING  
UP!

YOU'RE...

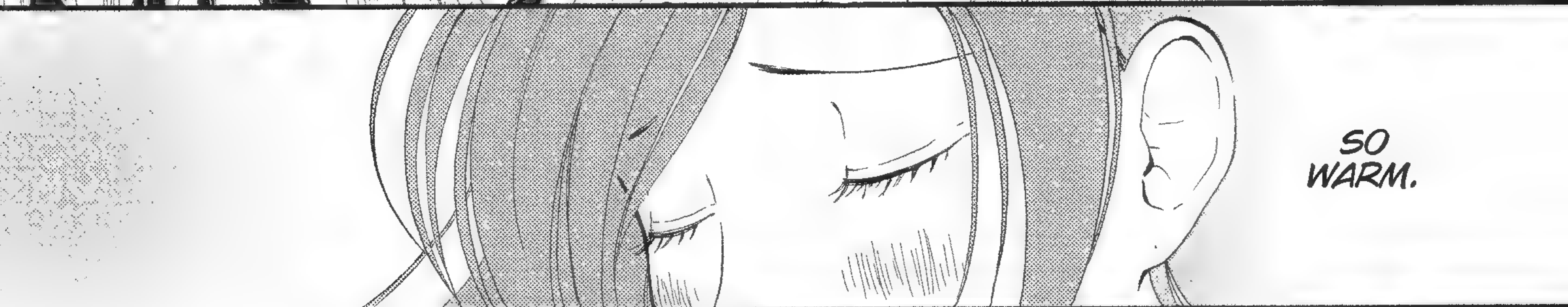
HEY.

SEE  
THAT?



GREAT!

YEAH.



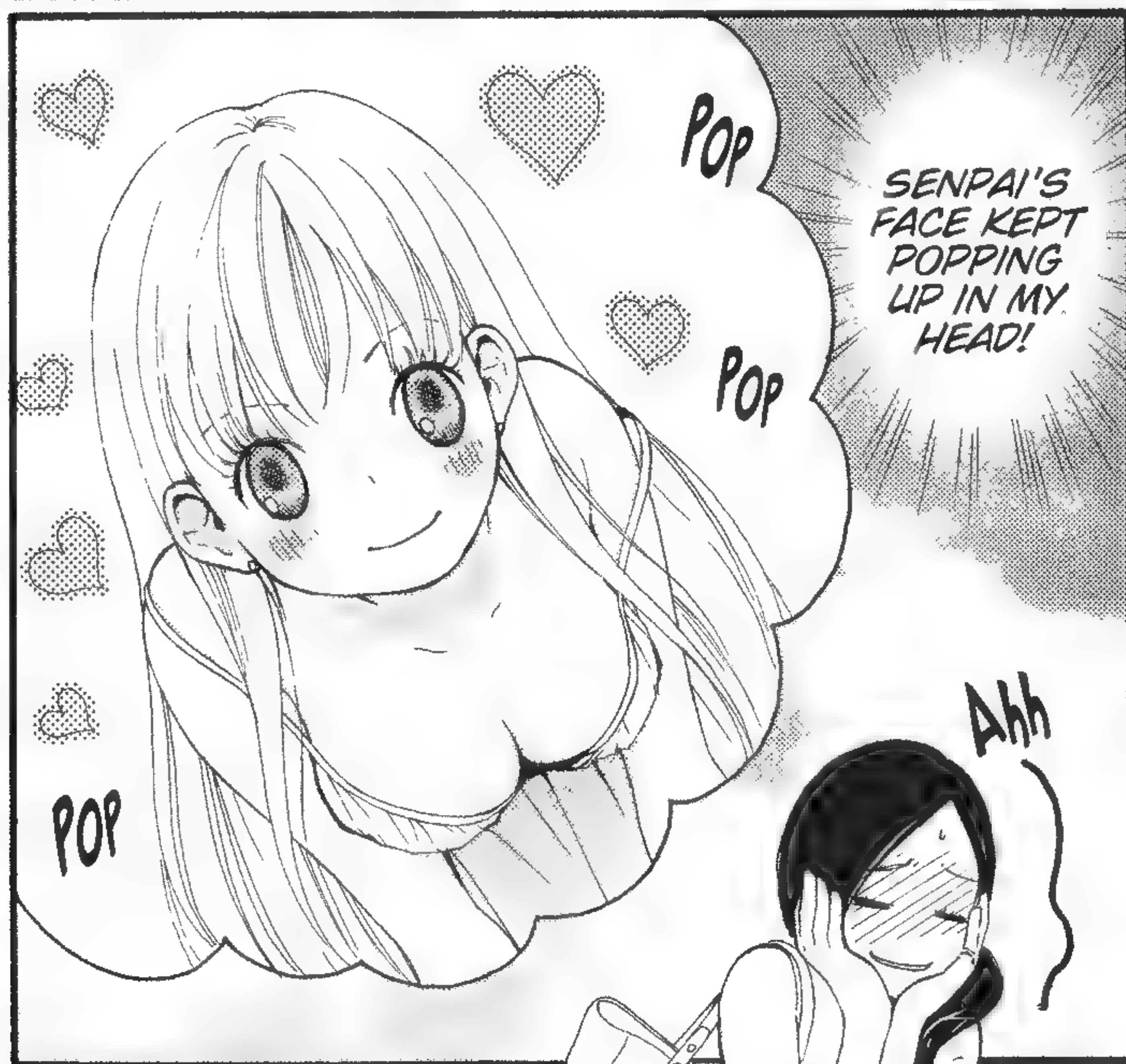
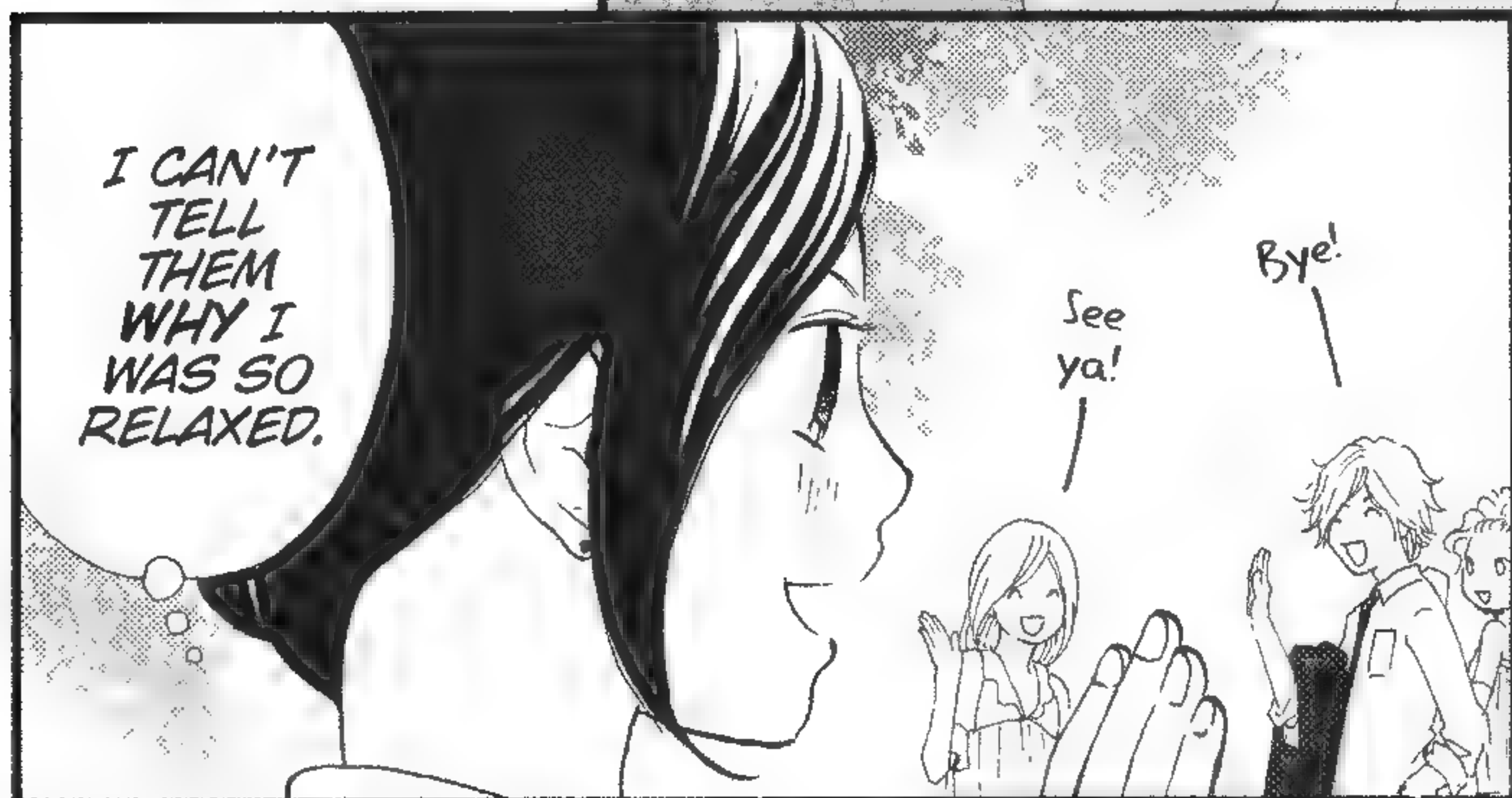
SO  
WARM.



SENPAI'S  
WARMTH IS  
COMFORTING.

IT  
MAKES  
ME FEEL  
SAFE.









NO.

YOU SAY  
SOME-  
THING,  
LALAH-  
SAN?

THAT  
GIRL!

BUT  
SHE  
CAN GO  
OVER-  
BOARD.

Costume★MAX

SHINOBU  
WORKS  
SO  
HARD.

SHE'S  
ALWAYS  
ON TOP OF  
THINGS.



I'LL TAKE  
THESE  
TO THE  
IKEBUKURO  
STORE.

OH!

I WAS  
THINKING...  
IT'S  
GETTING  
CLOUDY.

YEAH!  
IT  
MIGHT  
EVEN  
RAIN!



WHY  
DO I STILL  
CALL HER  
"SENPAI"?

Sigh

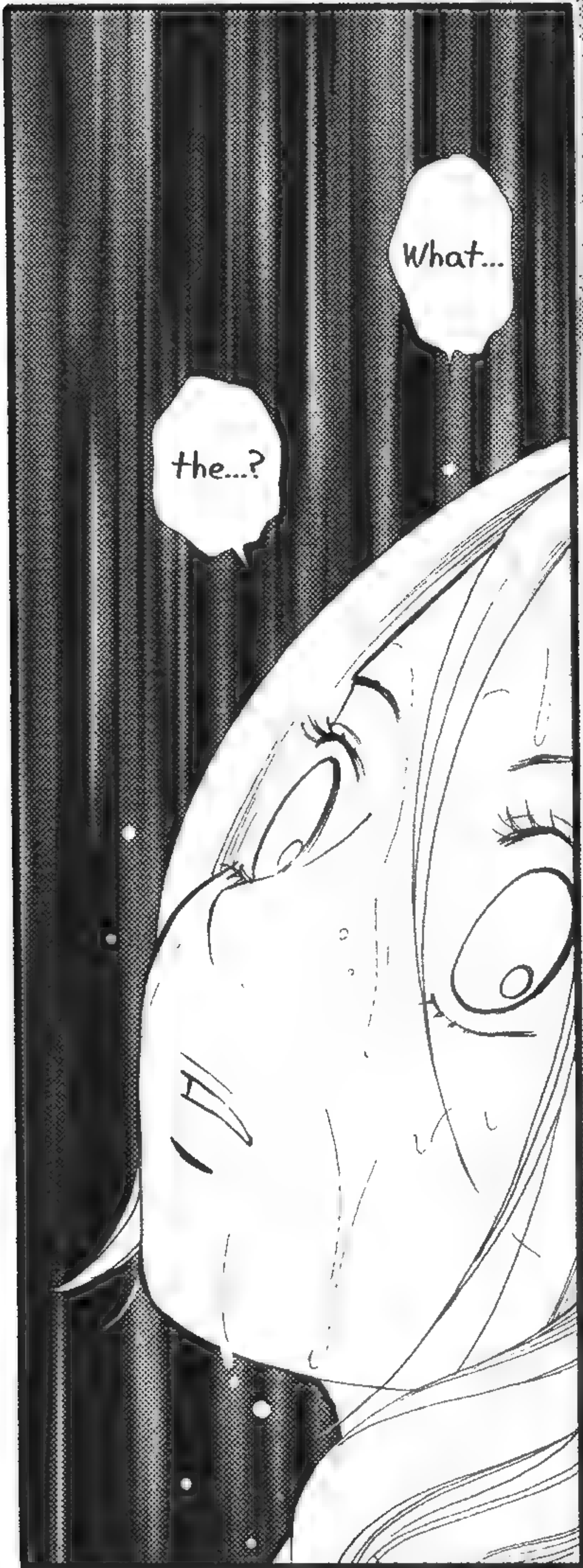
WE'VE  
BEEN  
TOGETHER  
A LONG  
TIME.



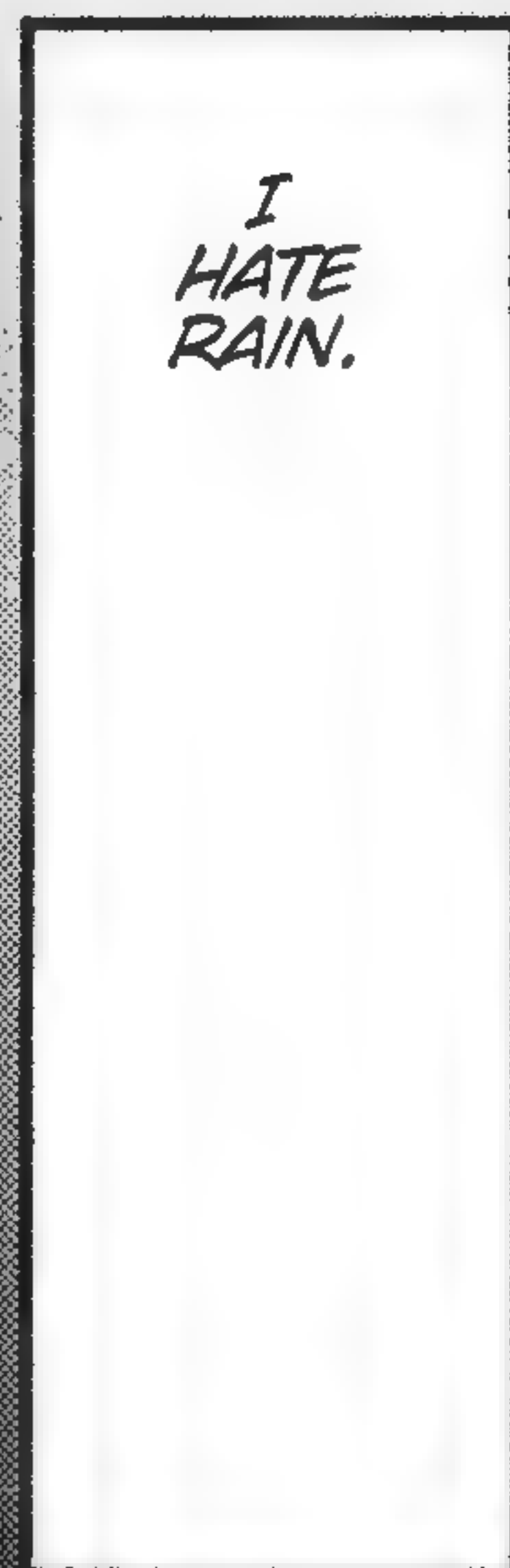
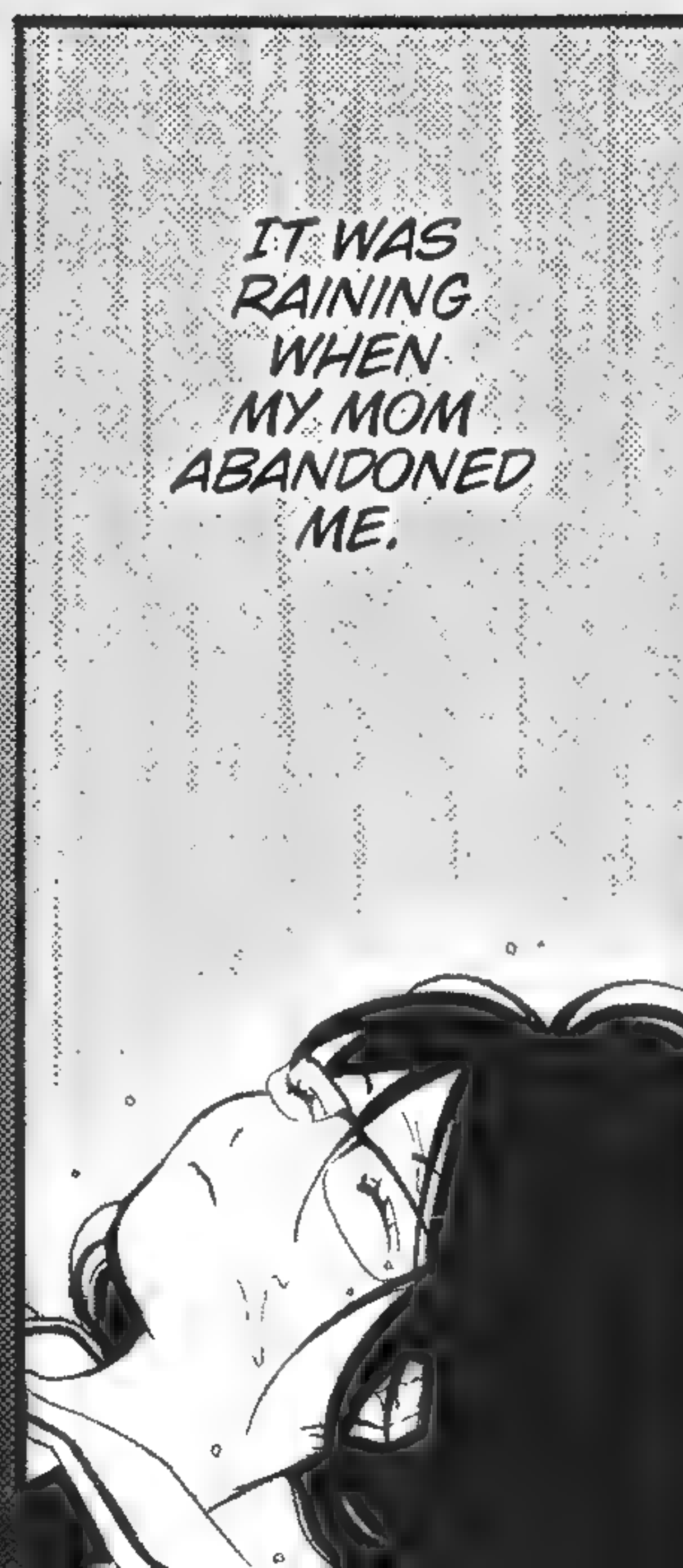
WAIT A  
MINUTE!

I'LL  
GO!!













You're  
as light  
as a  
feather!



You're  
as cold  
as ice!

GLARE

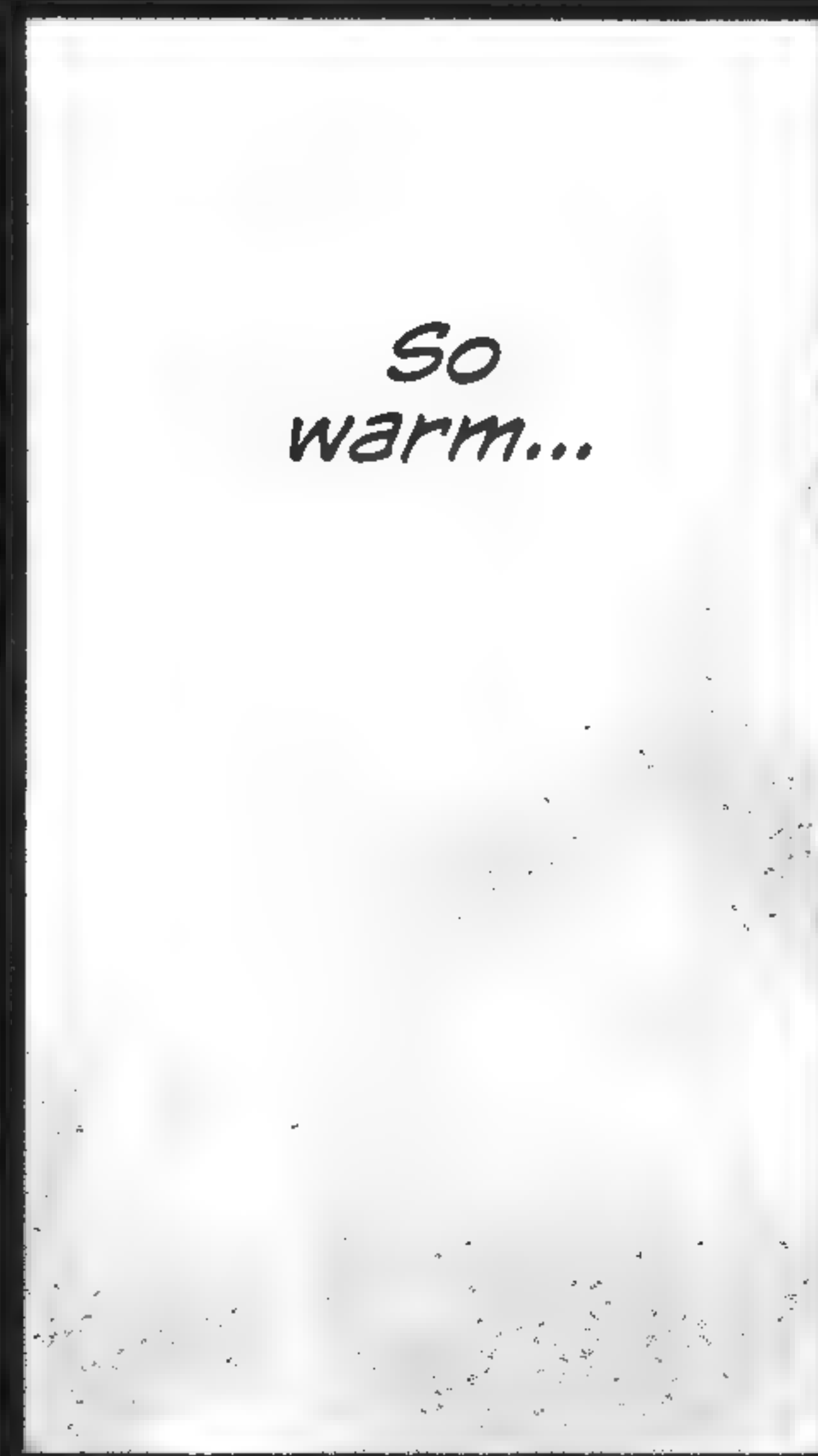
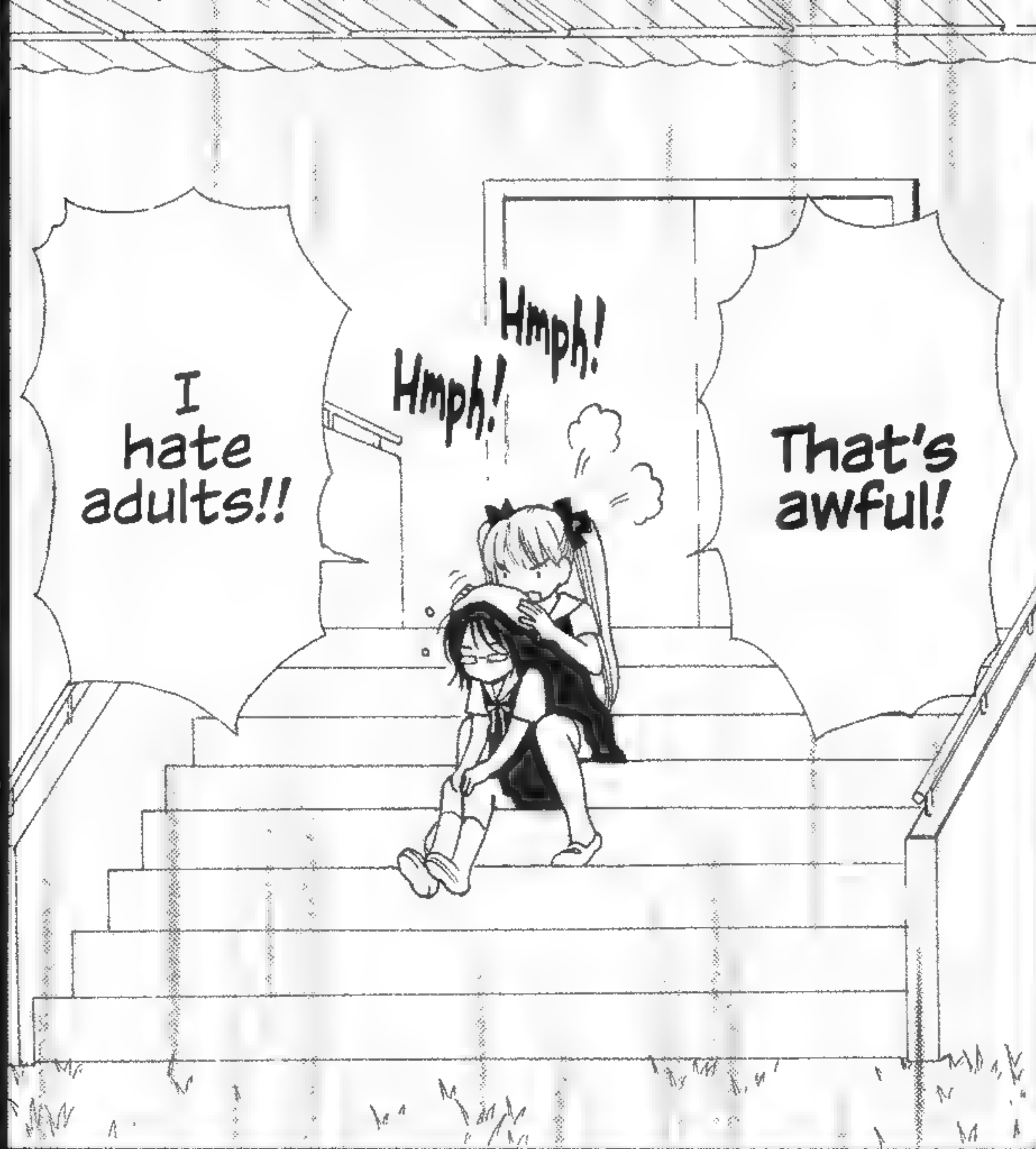
No  
way!



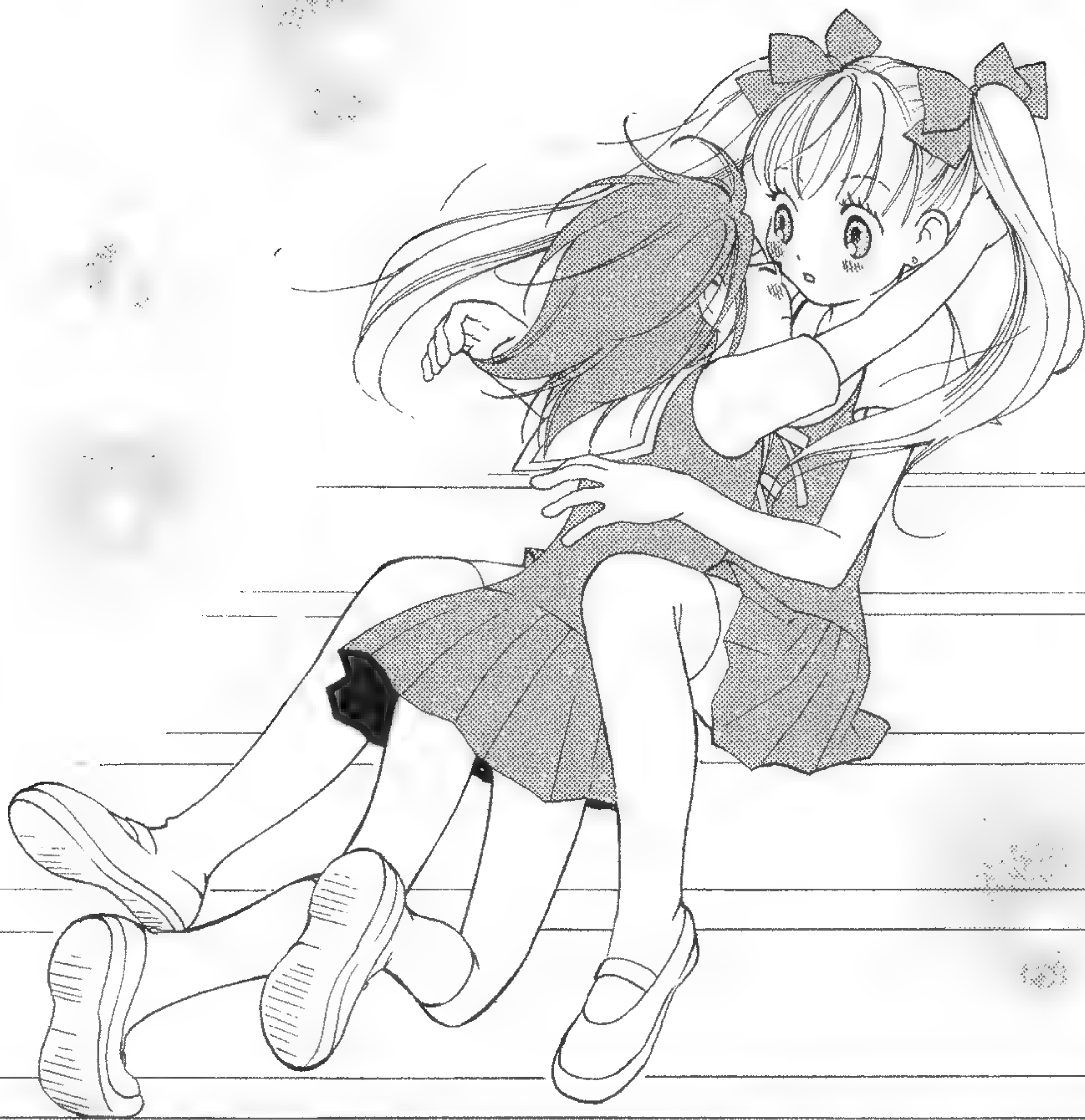
What?  
Leave  
you  
alone?

Shake  
Shake









SO...

SHE  
GAVE  
ME SO  
MUCH  
JOY.

SENPAI  
ALWAYS  
SAVED  
ME.

I'LL  
MAKE  
SENPAI...

SO,  
THIS  
TIME...

HEY!

SHINOBU!









There, there.

IT'S NATURAL THAT YOU'D HAVE FLASH-BACKS.

DON'T FEEL BAD.



I'M SORRY.

I THOUGHT I'D GOTTEN OVER IT.

WHEREVER I AM, SHE ALWAYS COMES TO SAVE ME.



BURNING THE CANDLE AT BOTH ENDS.

YOU'VE BEEN...



WORKING TOO HARD?

YEAH!



YOU MUST HAVE BURNED YOURSELF OUT.

YOU'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD LATELY.



I WANT TO MAKE YOU HAPPY.

THIS TIME...



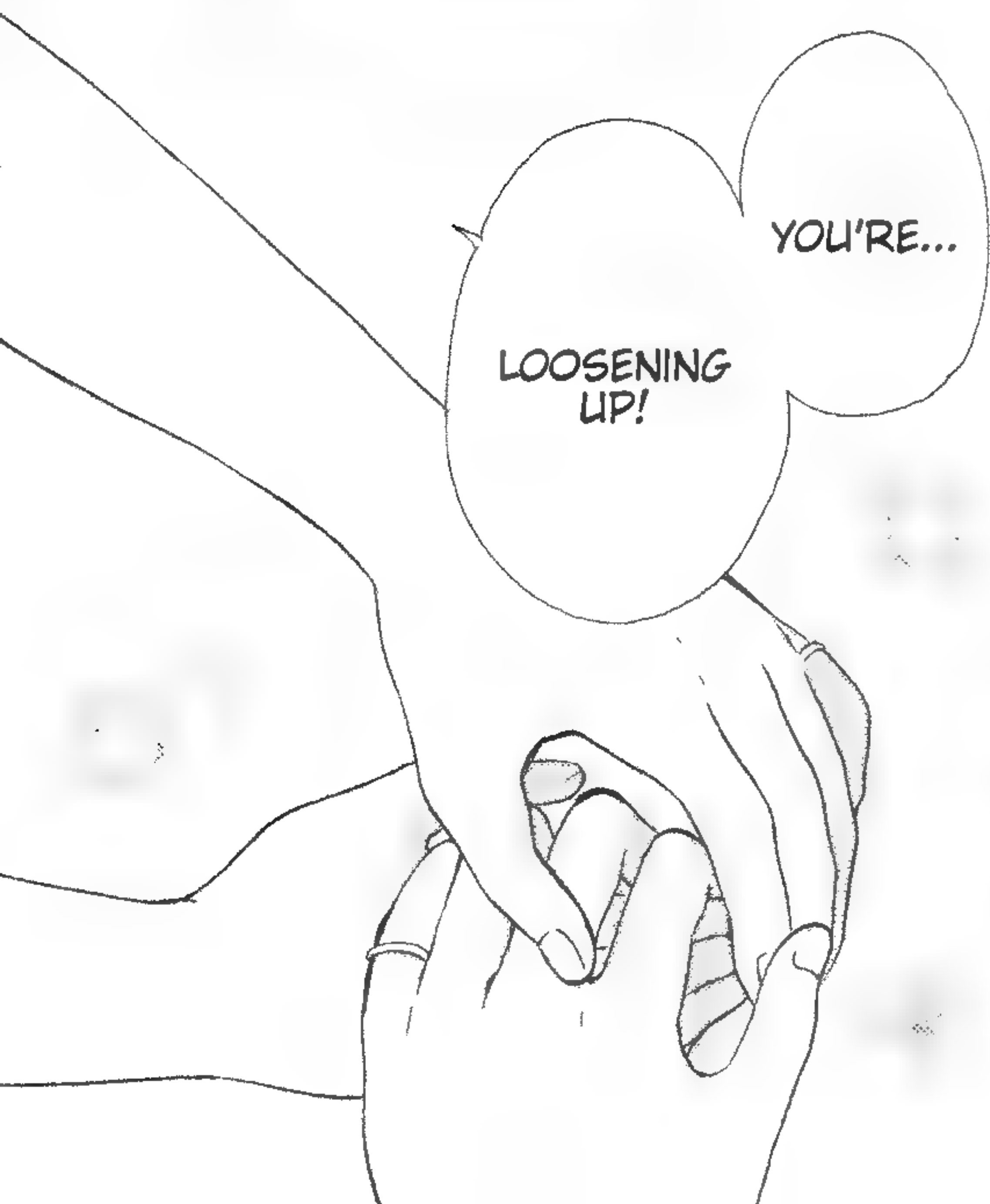
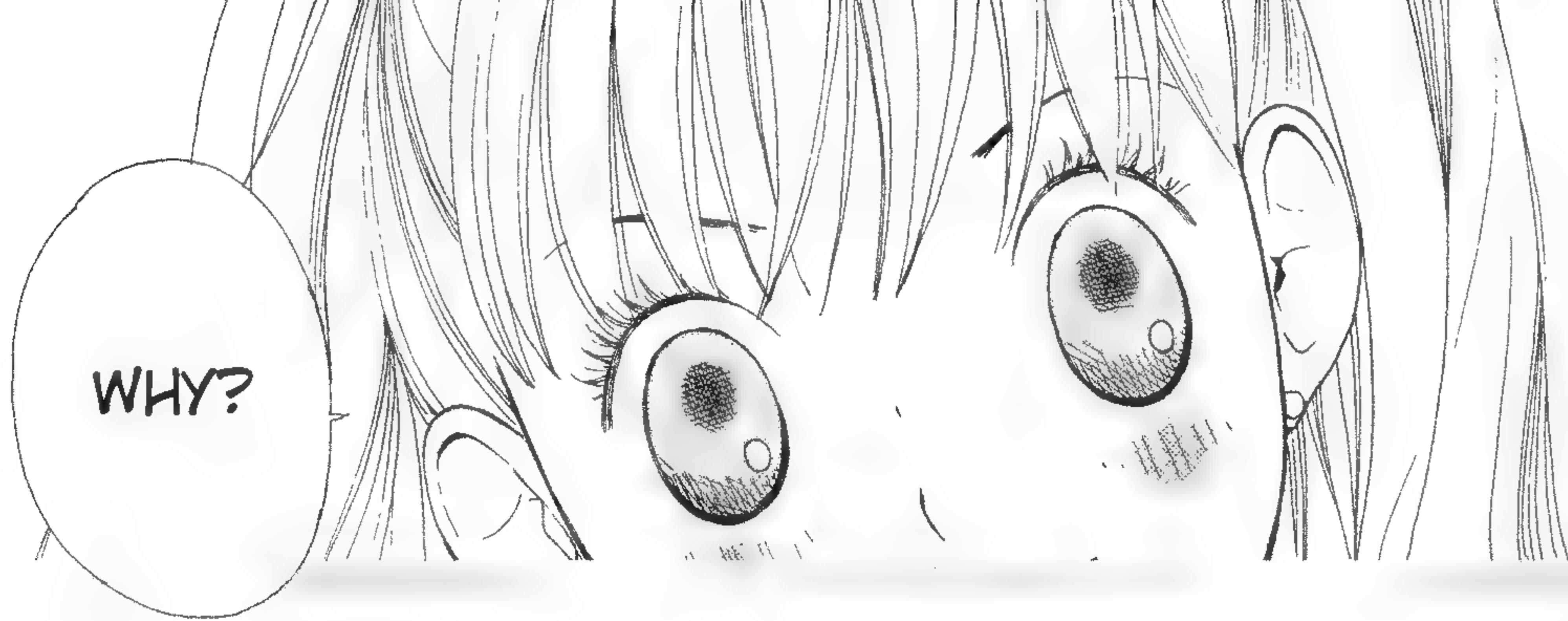
I NEED TO GROW UP.



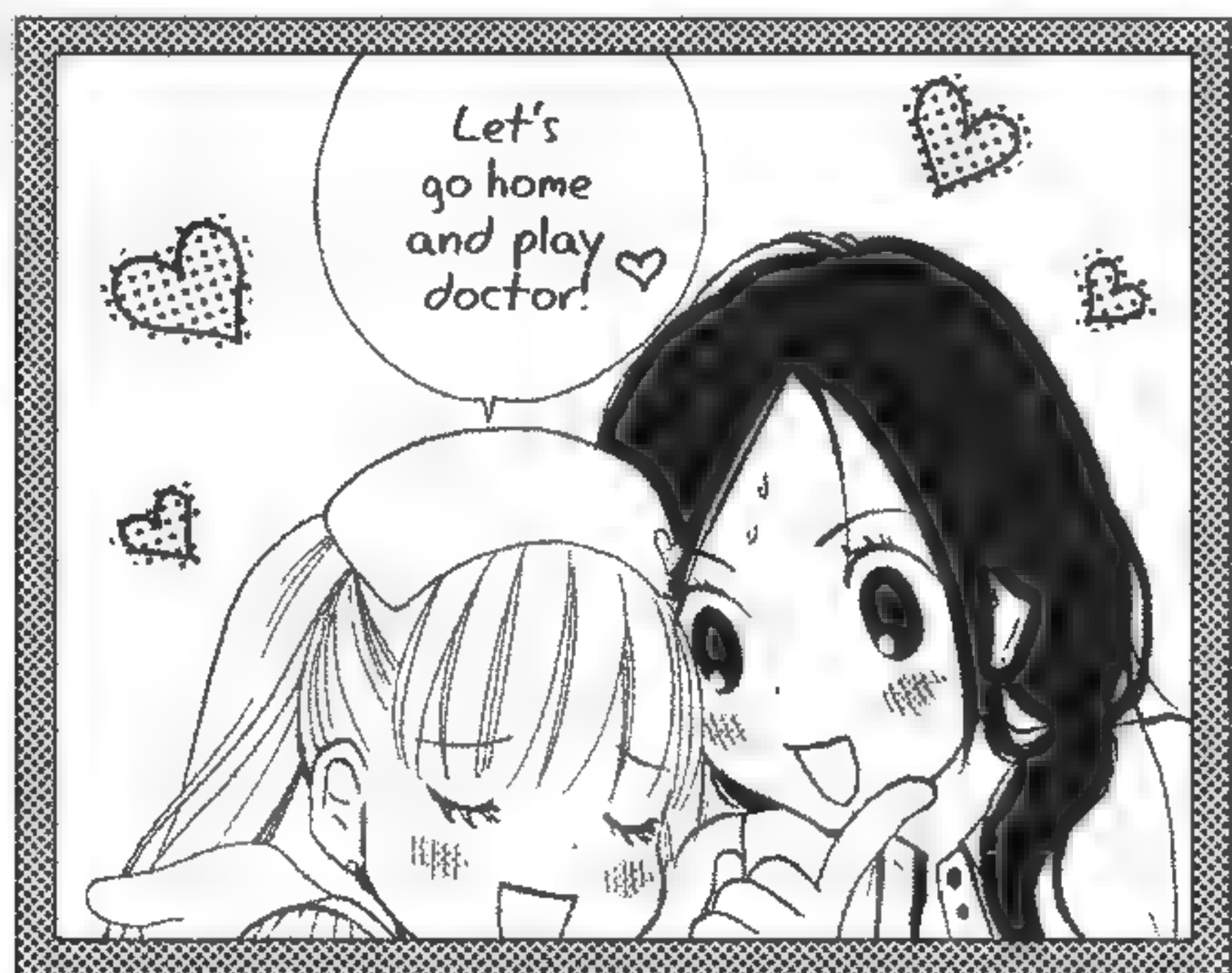
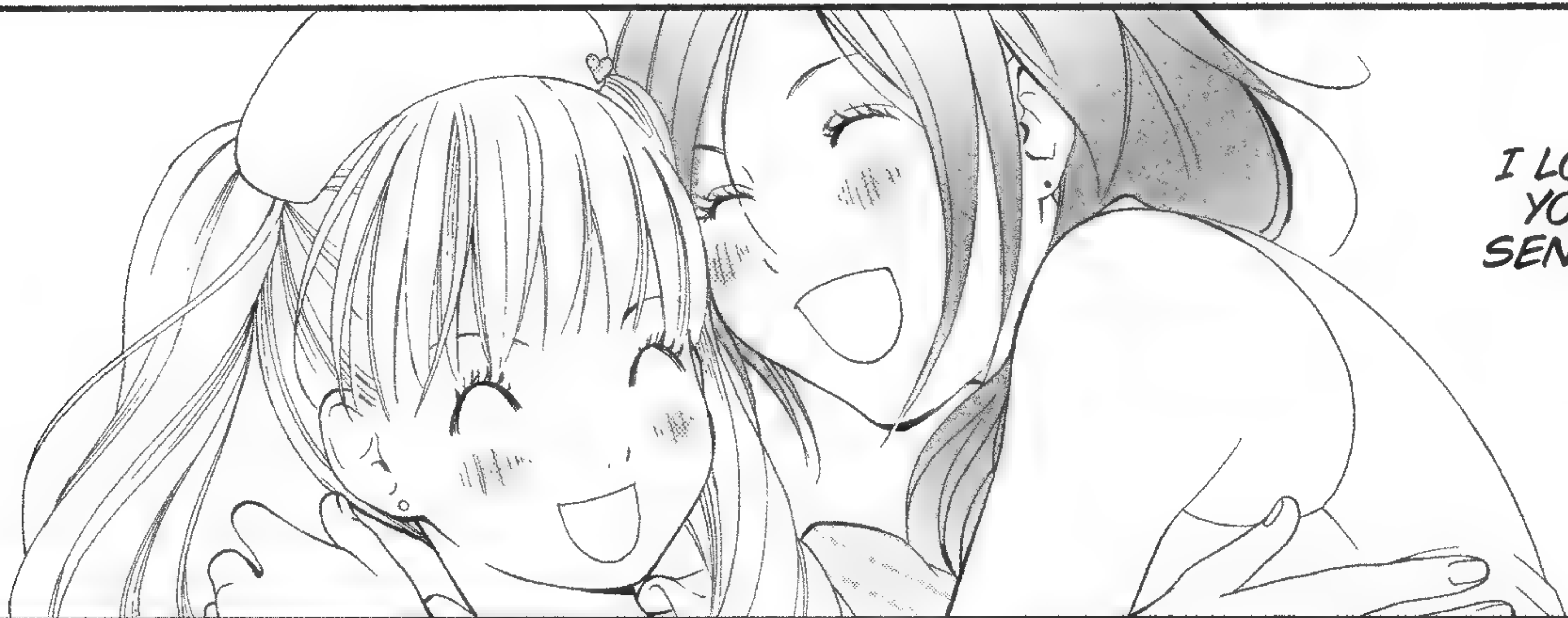
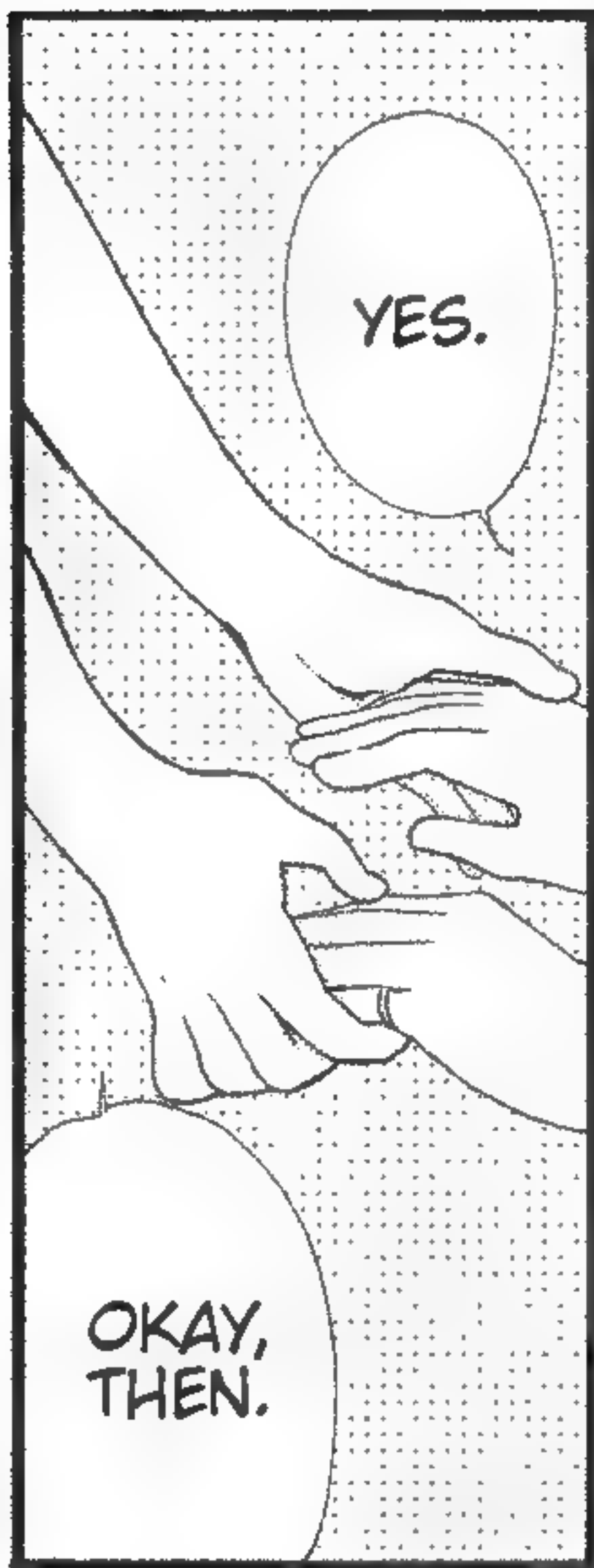
BUT...

Grasp...











# Peach Flavor





I LOVE  
YOU,  
YOSHINO-  
SENPAI!



I'M  
NATSIKAWA  
MOMOKO  
AND THERE'S  
SOMEONE  
I'M IN LOVE  
WITH.



ER,  
THANKS.

Grin



BUT  
I HEARD  
YOU THE  
FIRST  
HUNDRED  
TIMES.

AWW,  
SENPAI!

Lit. Club  
newsletter  
must be done  
by 9/19!!

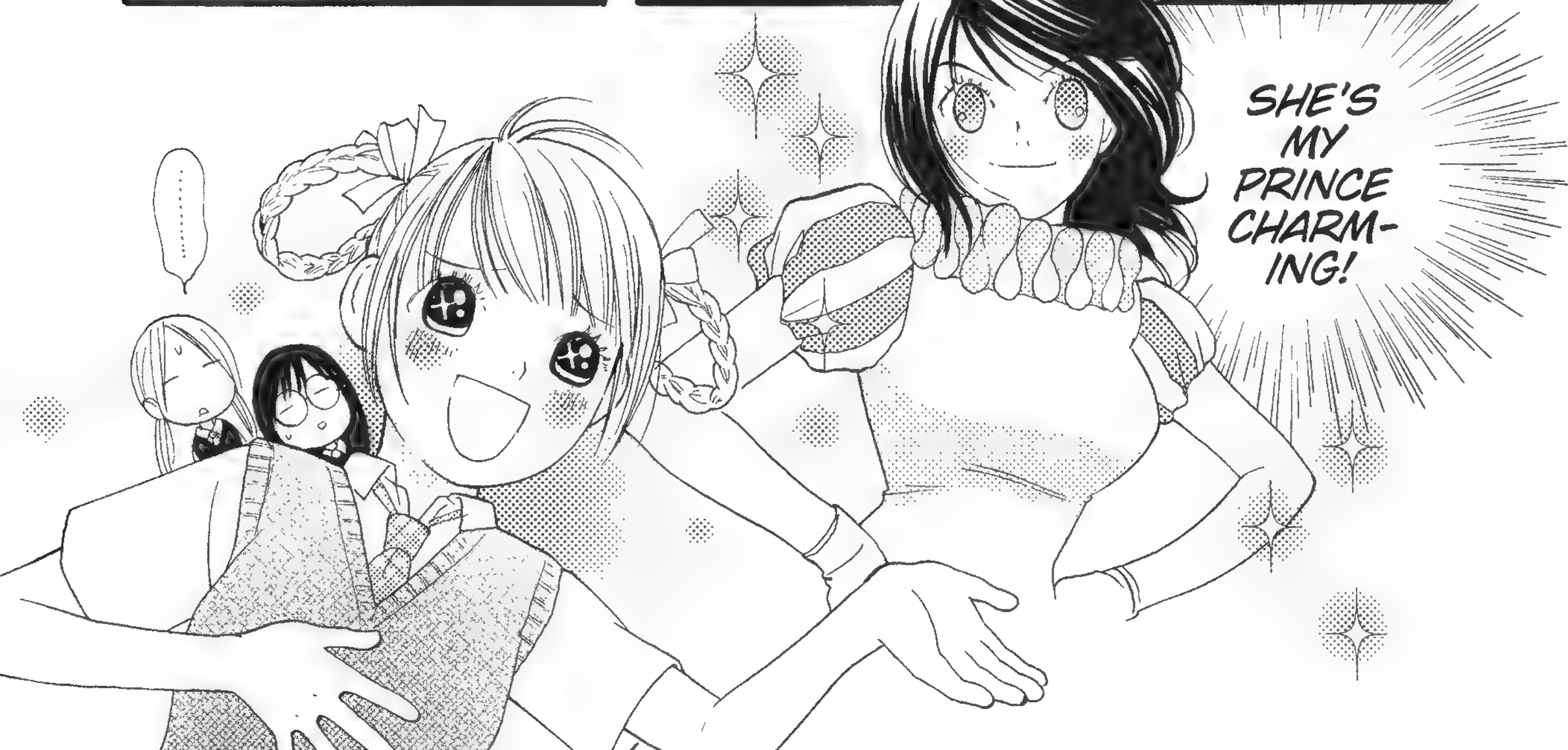
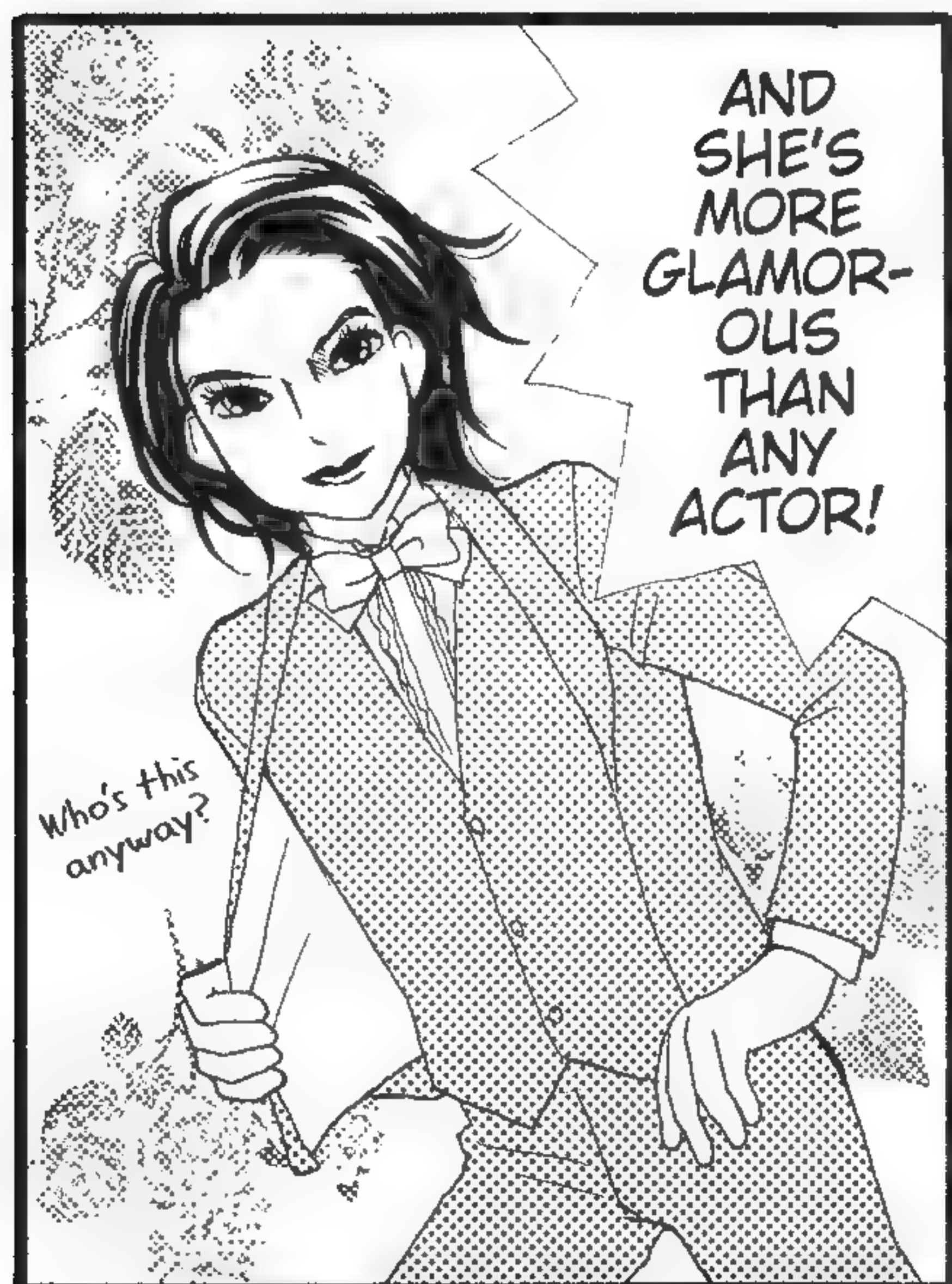
TUNK



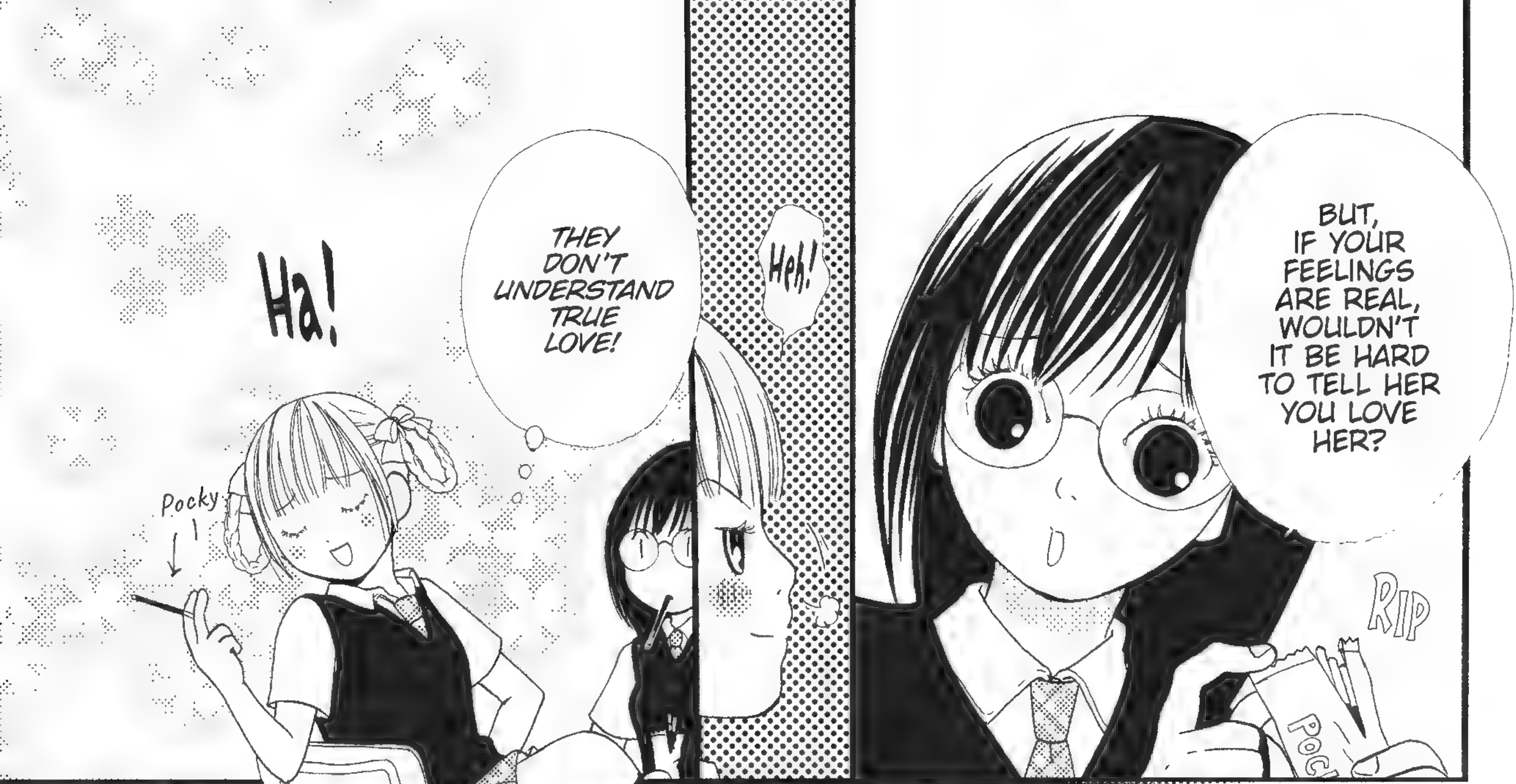










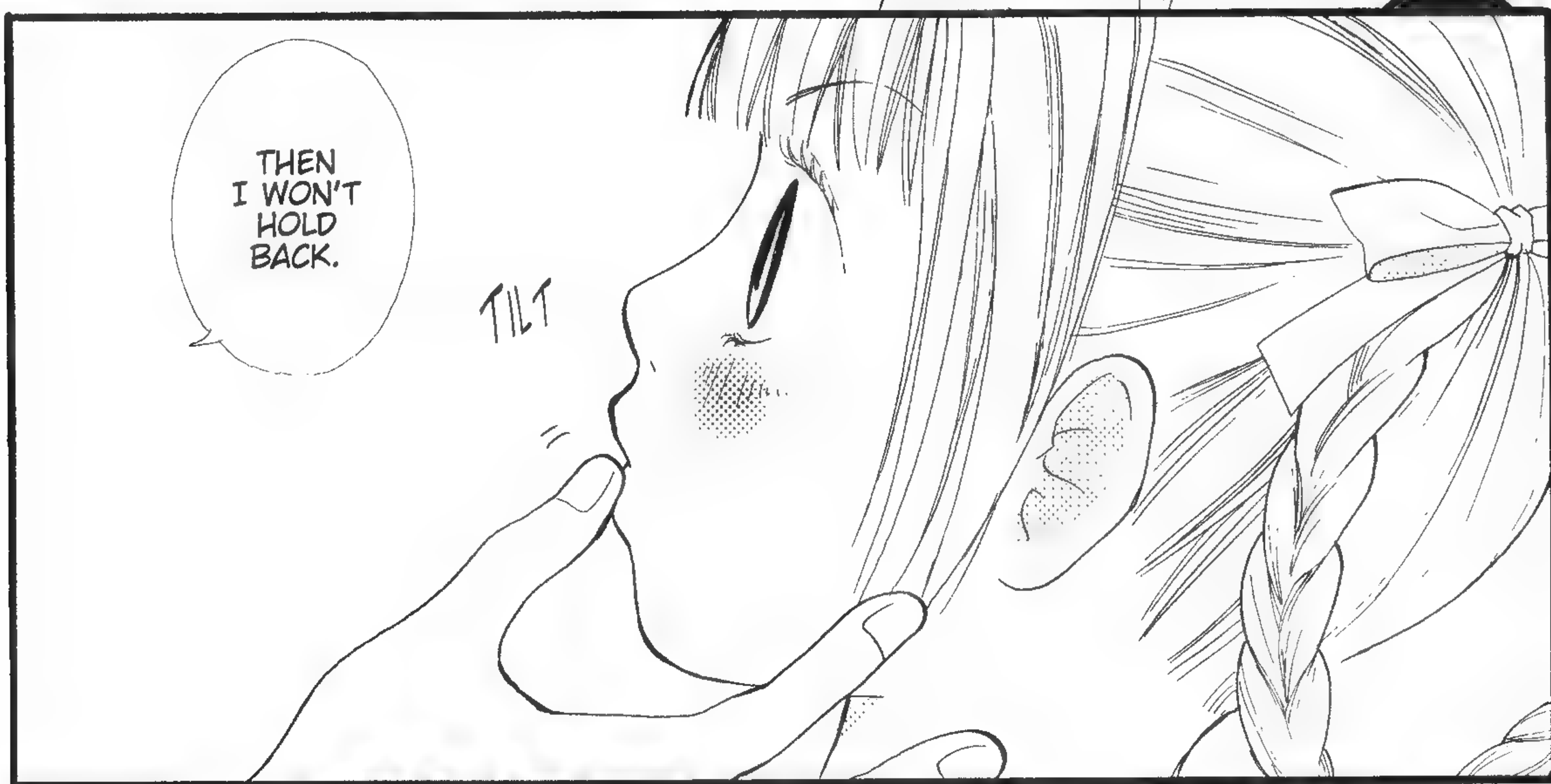


BECAUSE I LOVE HER, I'LL TELL HER AGAIN AND AGAIN!

Literature Club



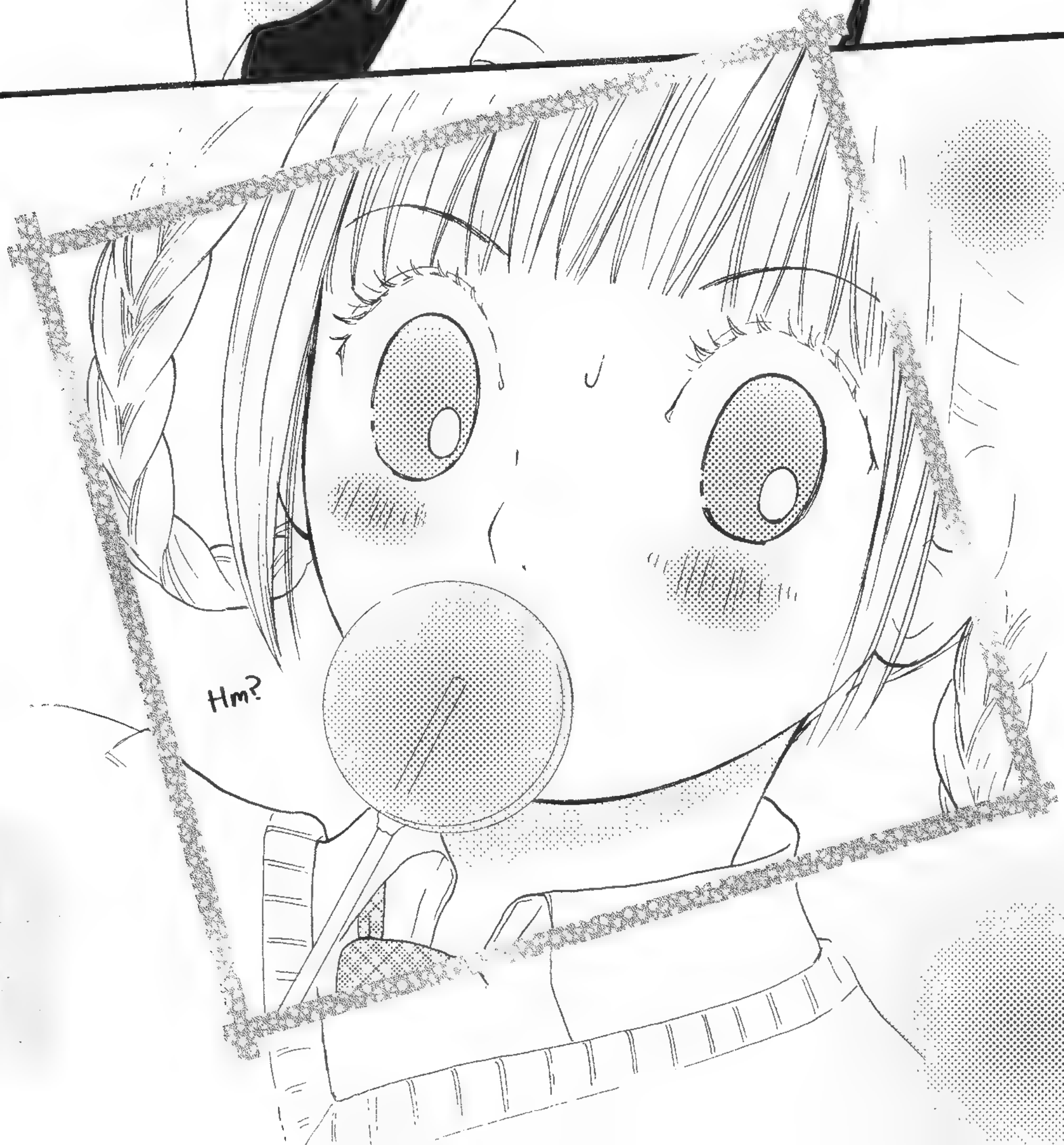








IT'S  
SWEET?







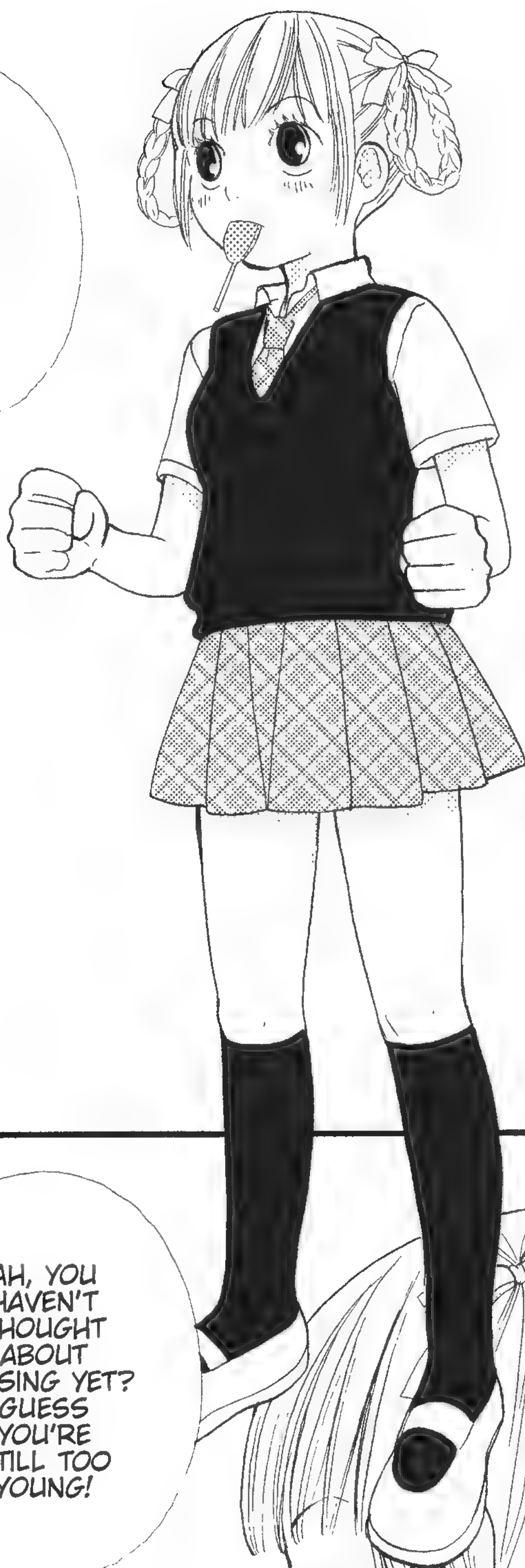
\* "Momo" means "peach" in Japanese.







DO  
YOU  
WANT  
TO  
TASTE  
IT?



GRIN



AH, YOU  
HAVEN'T  
THOUGHT  
ABOUT  
KISSING YET?  
GUESS  
YOU'RE  
STILL TOO  
YOUNG!

...



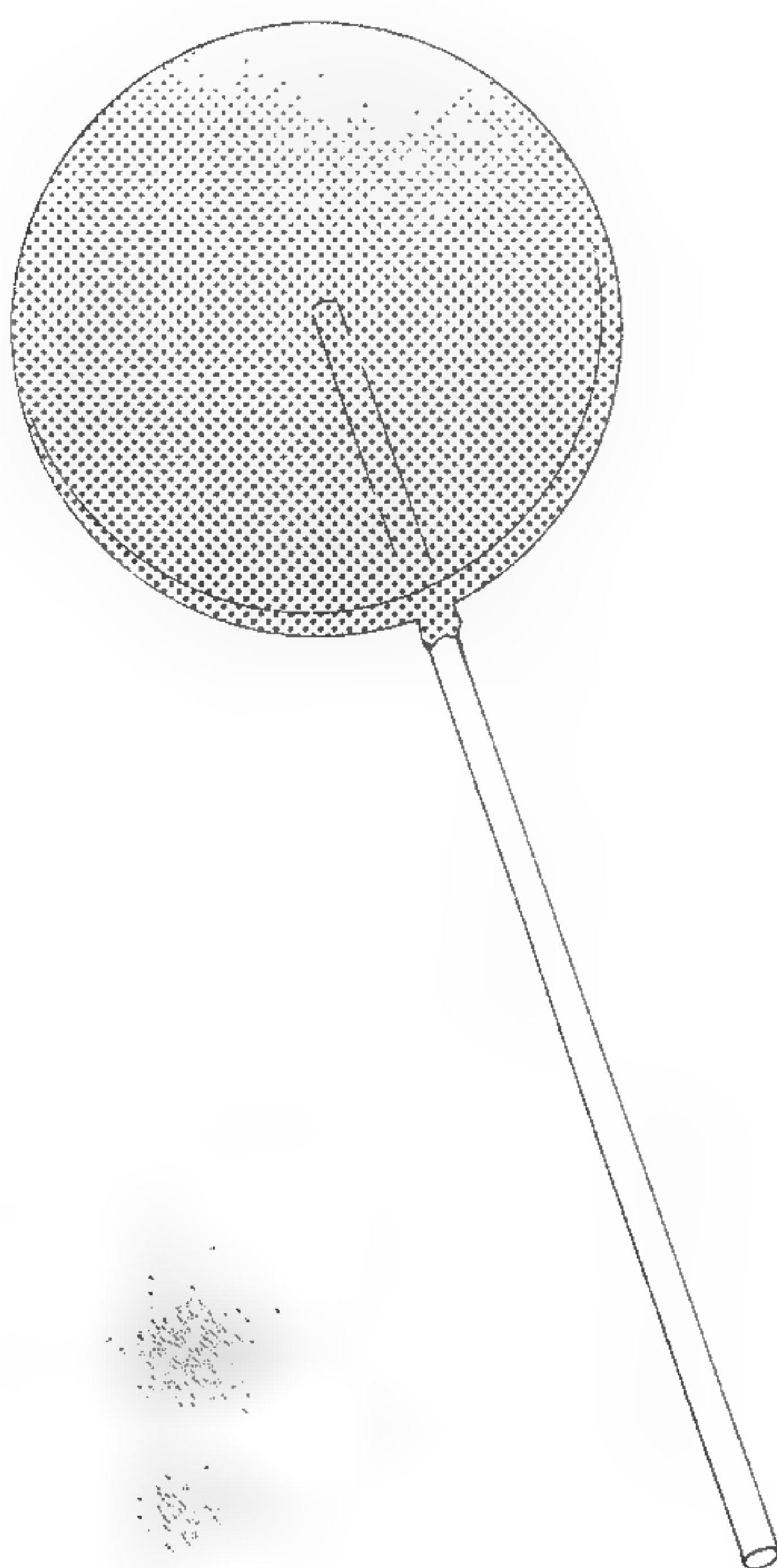
I'VE  
NEVER  
LOVED  
ANYONE  
LIKE THIS  
BEFORE.



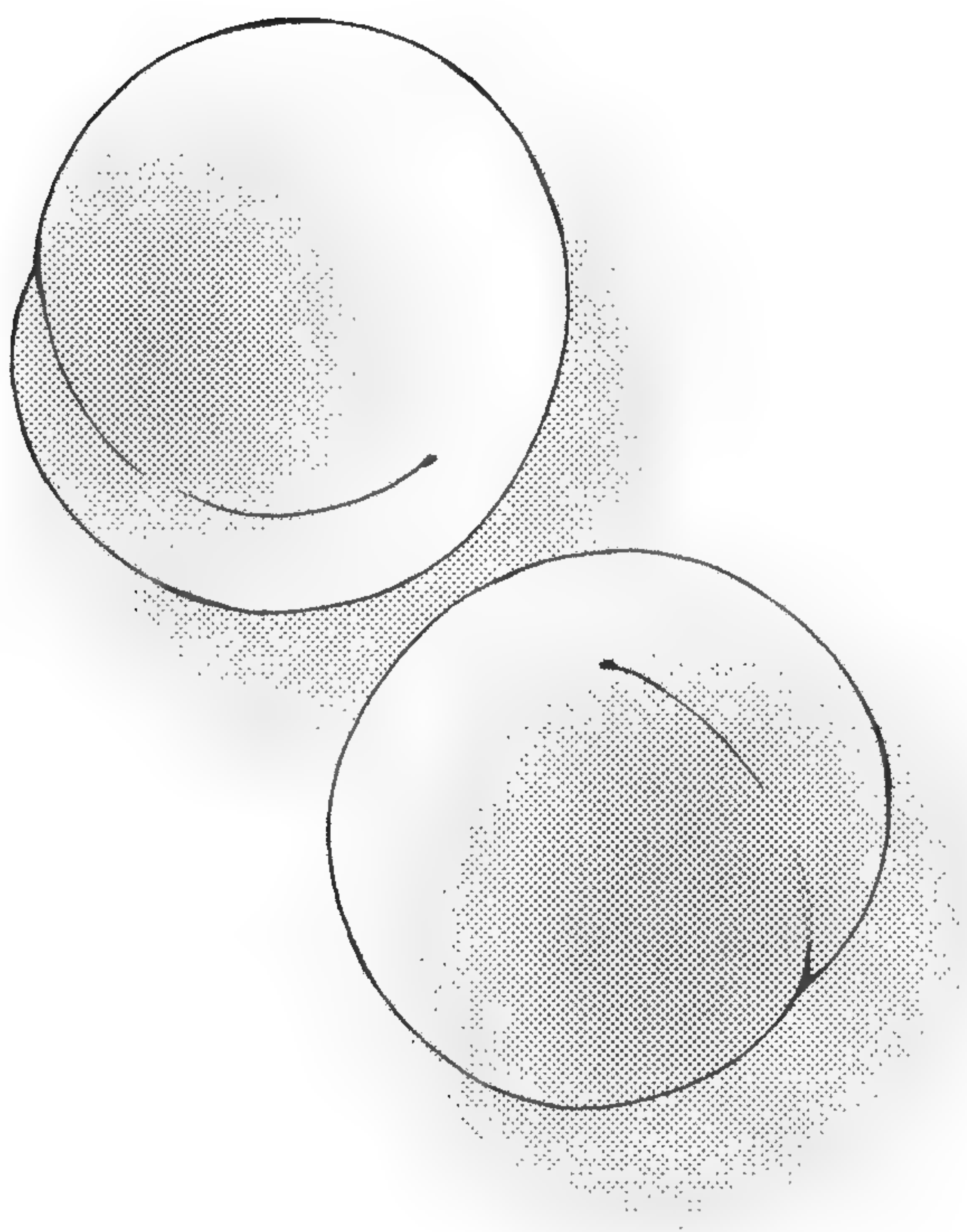
I LOVE  
SENPAI  
SO MUCH  
THAT I  
CAN NEVER  
TELL HER  
ENOUGH.

IT GIVES  
ME A  
SUGAR  
RUSH.

WHEN I  
IMAGINE  
OUR  
FIRST  
KISS...









# The Conditions of Paradise





A  
LONG  
TIME  
AGO...

A  
CHERRY  
BLOSSOM  
TREE FELL  
IN LOVE  
WITH A  
HUMAN  
WOMAN.



"YOUR  
WISH IS  
GRANT-  
ED.

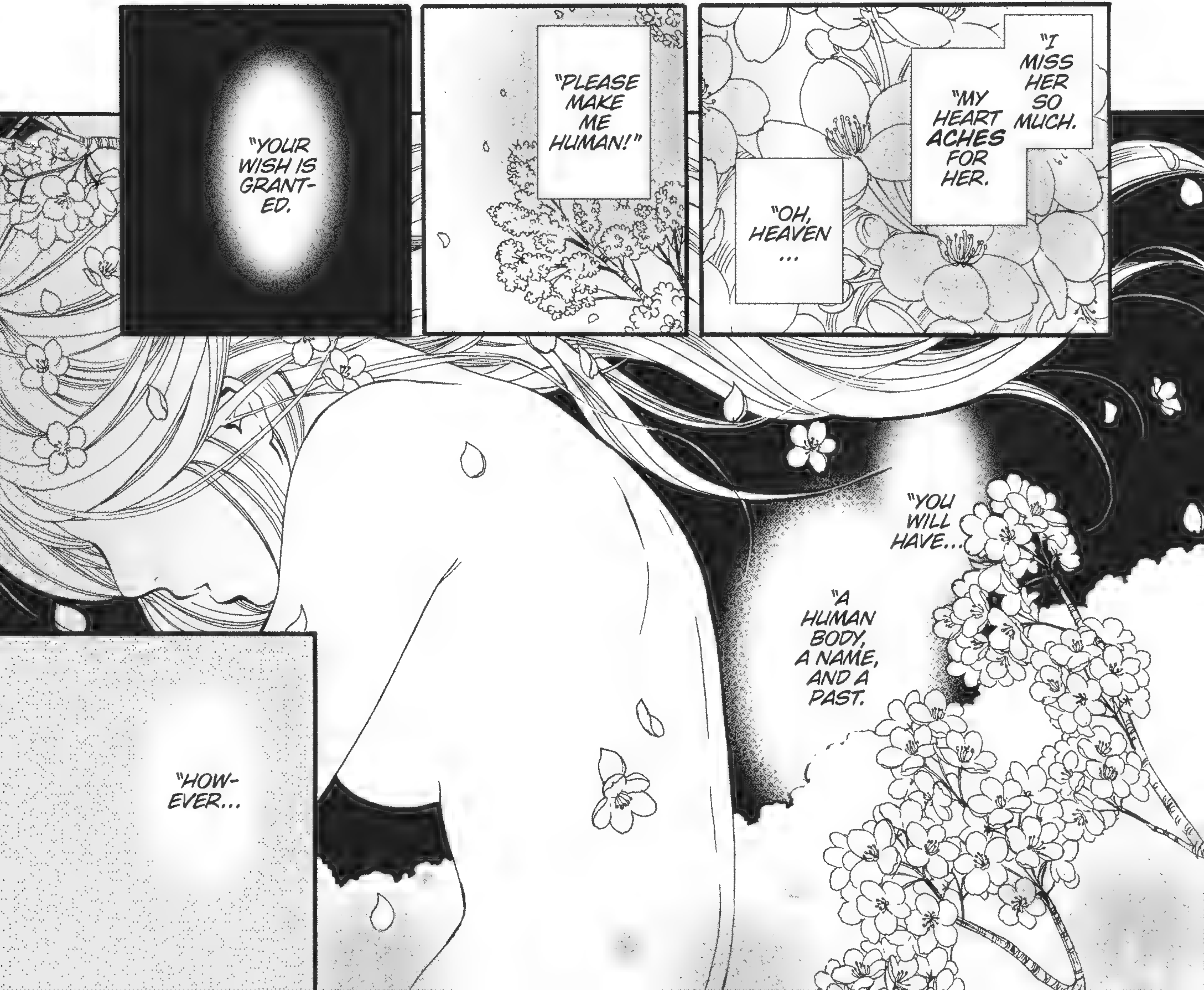


"PLEASE  
MAKE  
ME  
HUMAN!"



"OH,  
HEAVEN  
...

"I  
MISS  
HER  
SO  
MUCH.  
"  
"MY  
HEART  
ACHES  
FOR  
HER.



"YOU  
WILL  
HAVE...

"A  
HUMAN  
BODY,  
A NAME,  
AND A  
PAST.

"HOW-  
EVER...





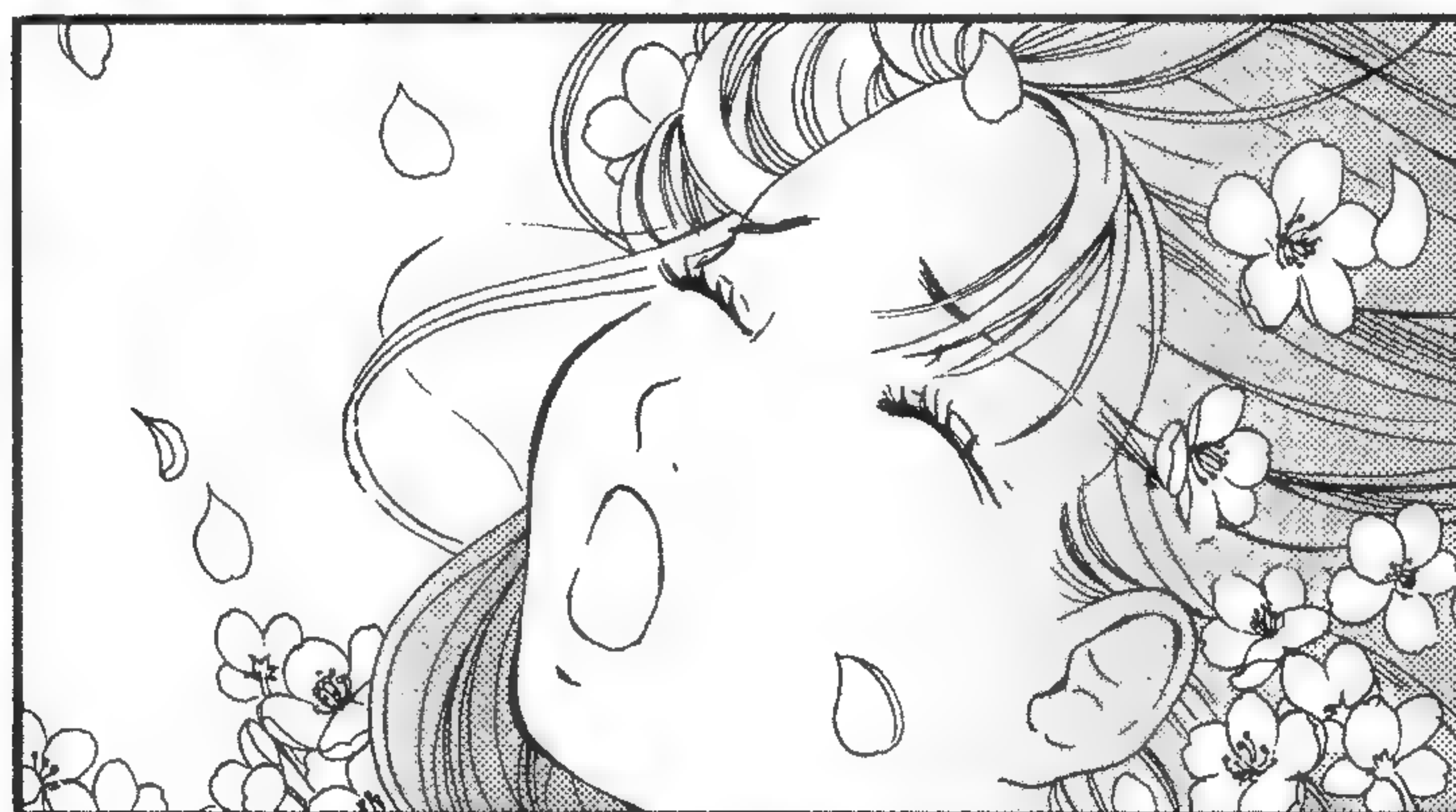
"YOU  
MUST  
RISK  
EVERY-  
THING  
TO BE  
WITH  
EACH  
OTHER."

"TURN  
INTO  
DUST  
AND  
DISAP-  
PEAR."

"OTHER-  
WISE,  
YOUR  
BODY  
WILL..."



"YOU  
WILL  
HAVE A  
FEMALE  
BODY."



"AND  
THE  
WOMAN  
YOU  
HOLD  
DEAR...  
MUST  
LOVE  
YOU  
BACK."





# Princess Sakura in the Flurry of Flowers



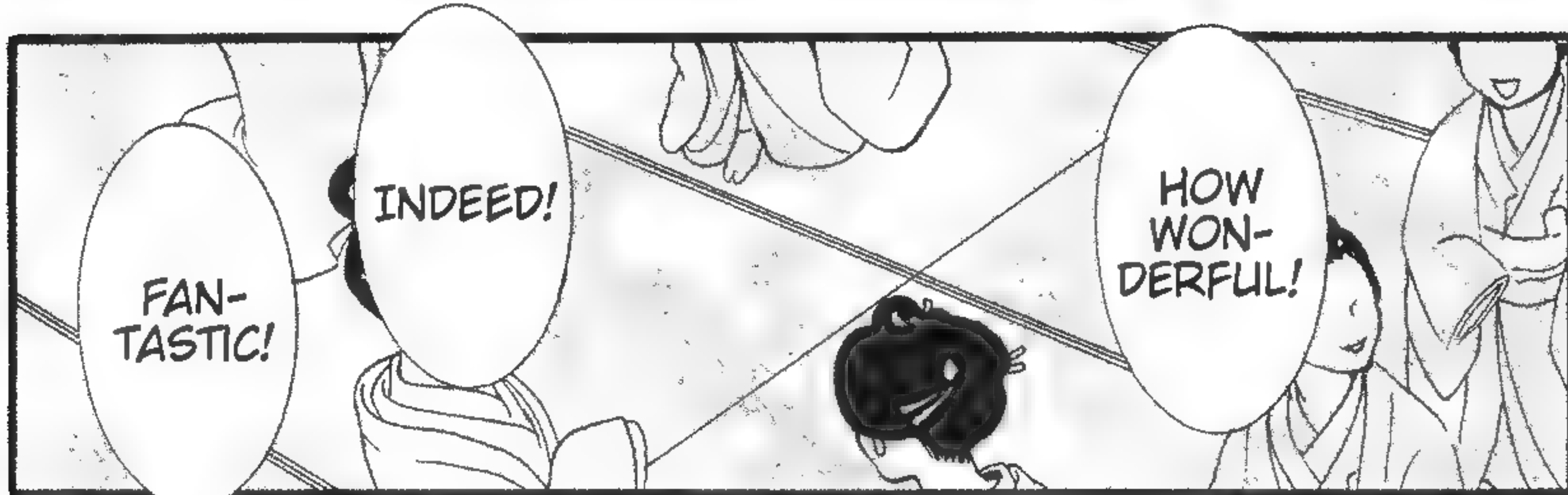


Sakura-  
mizu  
Castle,  
Hanayama  
Province.

WHAT'S  
ALL THE  
COMMO-  
TION?

HMM.

It's  
so  
cold!



FAN-  
TASTIC!

INDEED!

HOW  
WON-  
DERFUL!



SWORD  
PRACTICE.

WHERE  
HAVE  
YOU  
BEEN?

THERE  
YOU ARE,  
FUBUKI-  
DONO!



THE  
PRINCESS  
IS  
ENGAGED!

?!



YOU'RE  
THE  
PERFECT  
BODY-  
GUARD!  
  
STRONG,  
CLEVER,  
AND  
LOYAL!

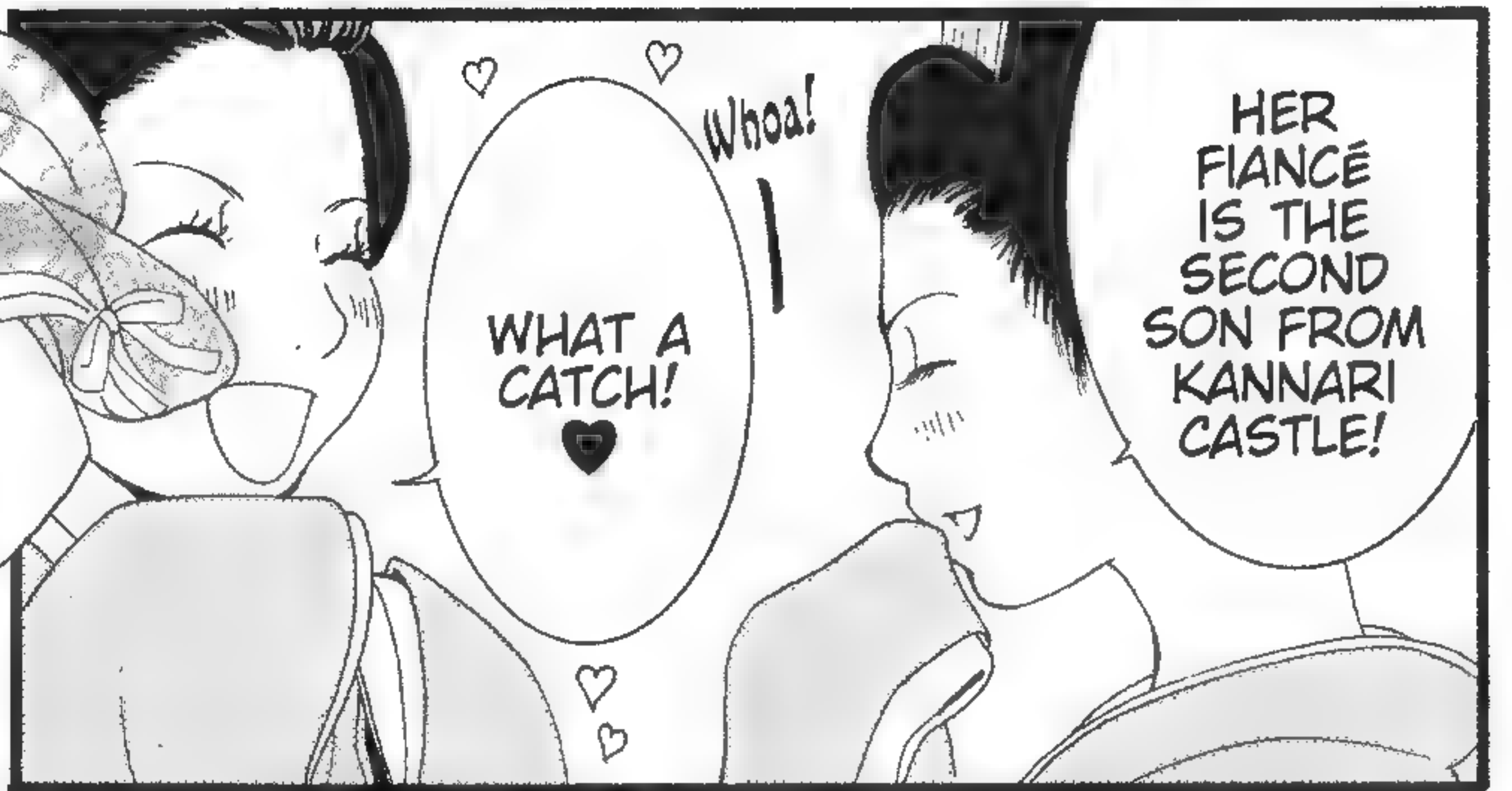
SO,  
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?





SAKURA-  
HIME  
IS...

GETTING  
MARRIED?!



WHAT A  
CATCH!

Whoa!

HER  
FIANCE  
IS THE  
SECOND  
SON FROM  
KANNARI  
CASTLE!

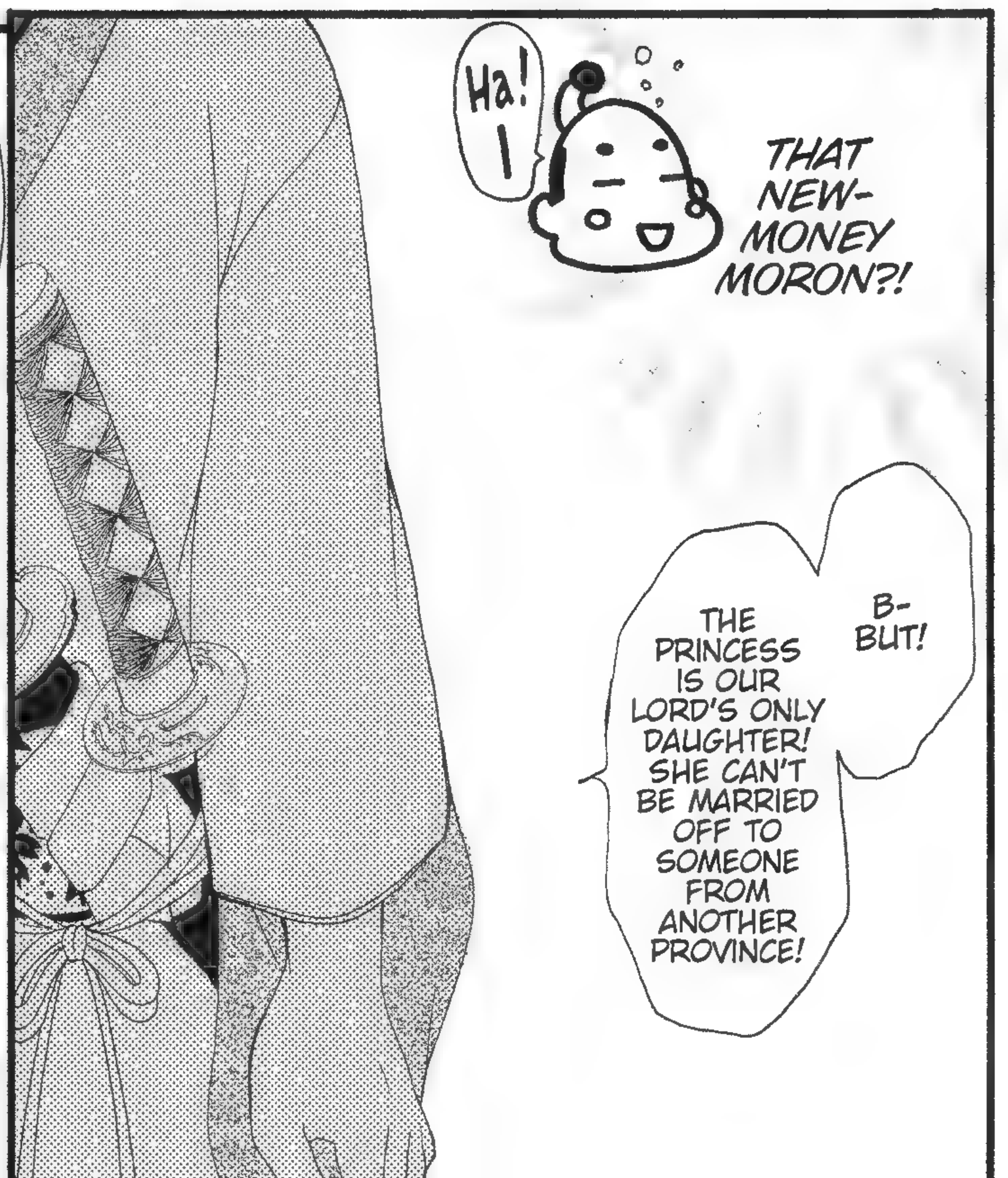


WHAT  
A GOOD  
MATCH!

HIM  
AND  
HIS  
MONEY.

NO,  
HE'LL  
BE  
ADOPTED  
INTO  
HER  
FAMILY.

Tee  
hee  
hee!



Ha!

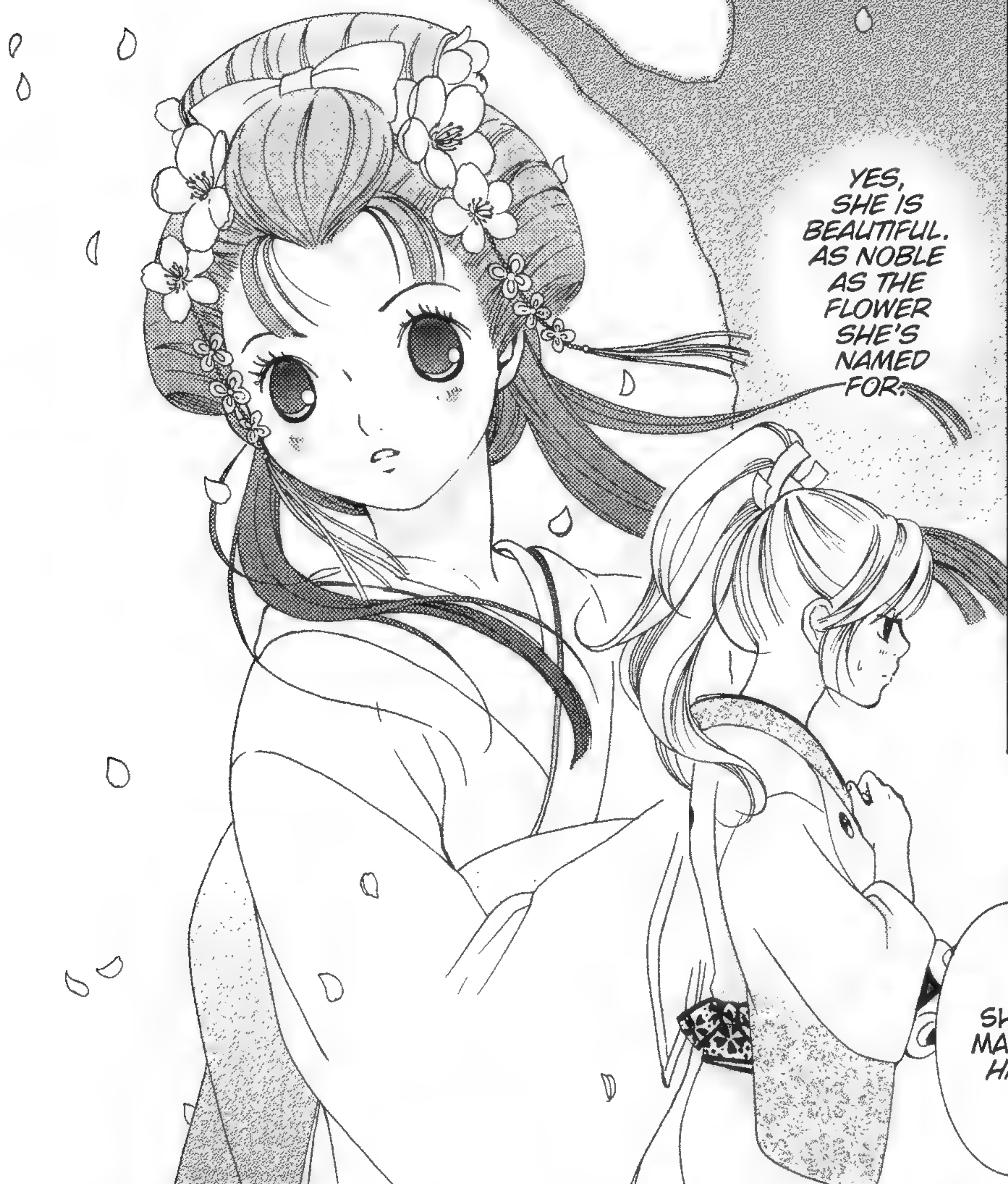


THAT  
NEW-  
MONEY  
MORON?!

THE  
PRINCESS  
IS OUR  
LORD'S ONLY  
DAUGHTER!  
SHE CAN'T  
BE MARRIED  
OFF TO  
SOMEONE  
FROM  
ANOTHER  
PROVINCE!

B-  
BUT!





YES,  
SHE IS  
BEAUTIFUL.  
AS NOBLE  
AS THE  
FLOWER  
SHE'S  
NAMED  
FOR.

OUR  
PRINCESS  
IS AS  
BEAU-  
TIFUL...

AS THE  
CHERRY  
BLOSSOMS.  
♥

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE...

SHE'D  
MARRY  
HIM.



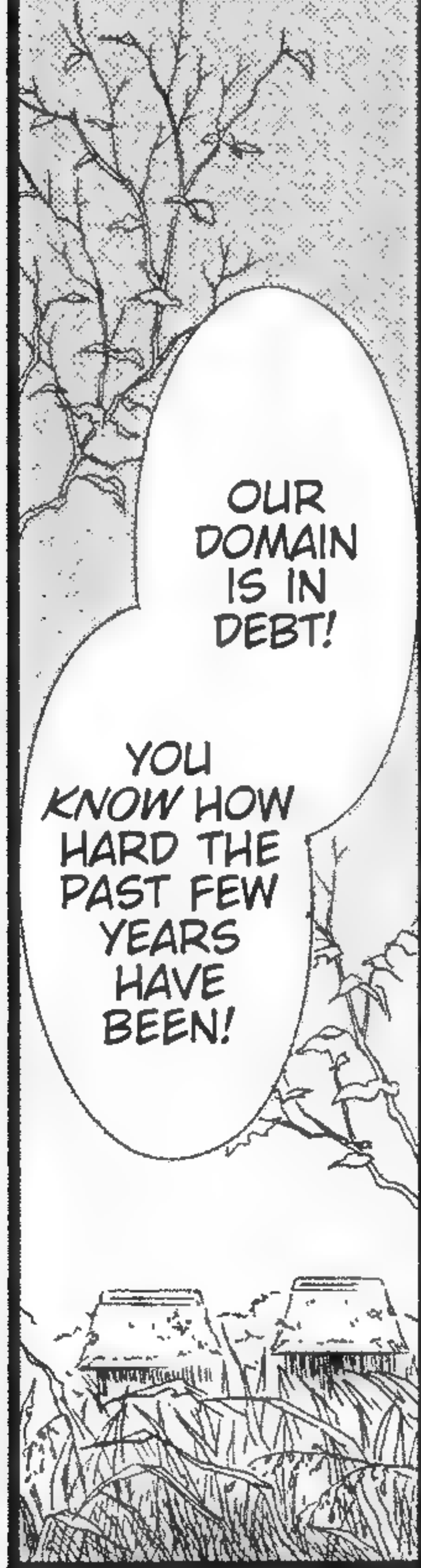
I  
DECLINE  
THEIR  
PROPOSAL.

I  
REFUSE!

Humph!

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
BELIEVE  
IT.





OUR  
DOMAIN  
IS IN  
DEBT!

YOU  
KNOW HOW  
HARD THE  
PAST FEW  
YEARS  
HAVE  
BEEN!



STOP  
BEING  
SELFISH!

DON'T  
ENCOURAGE  
HER,  
FUBUKI!

MY  
LORD, I'M  
AFRAID THE  
PRINCESS  
ISN'T  
READY FOR  
MARRIAGE.

I  
REFUSE  
TO GET  
MARRIED!



I  
KNEW  
IT!



SELL  
MYSELF?

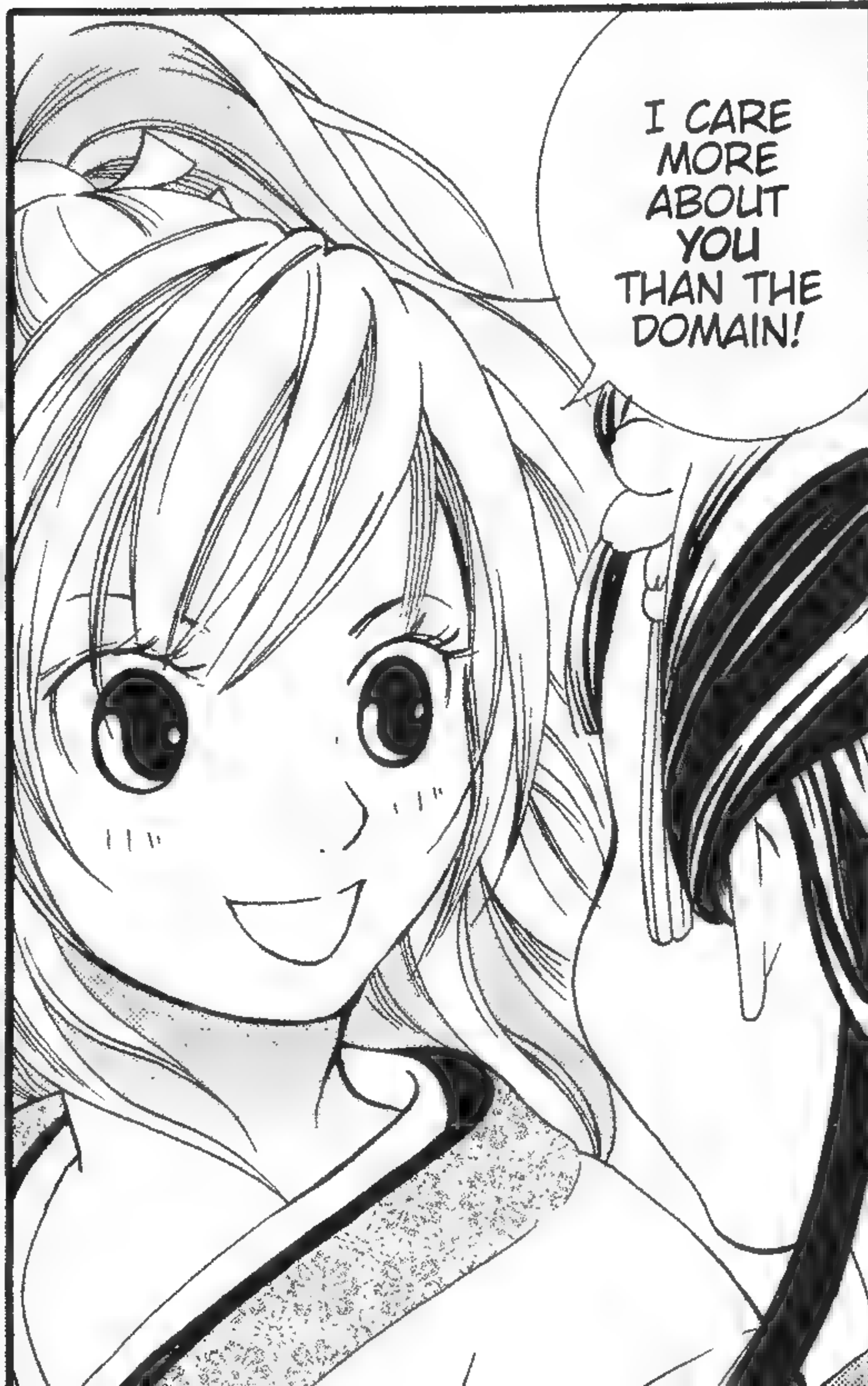
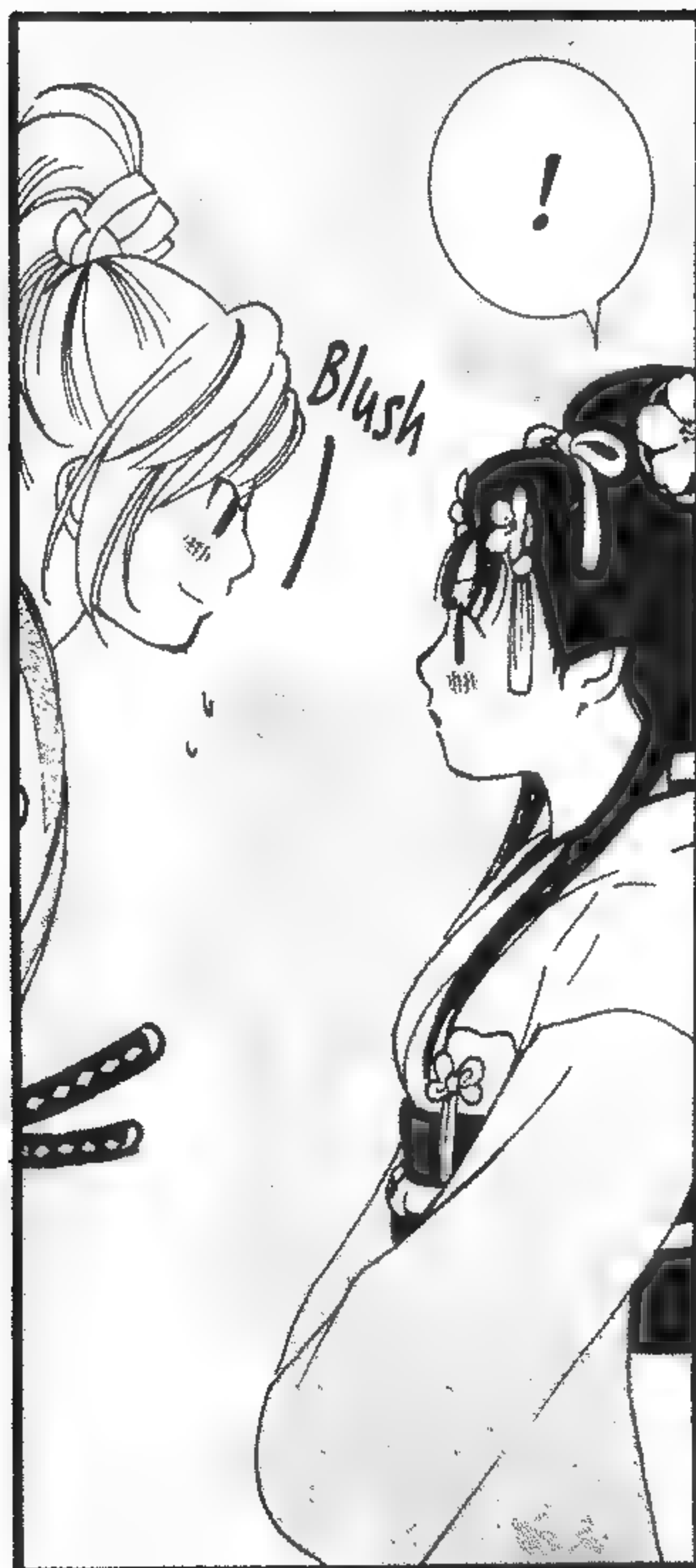
SO,  
YOU'D  
HAVE  
ME...



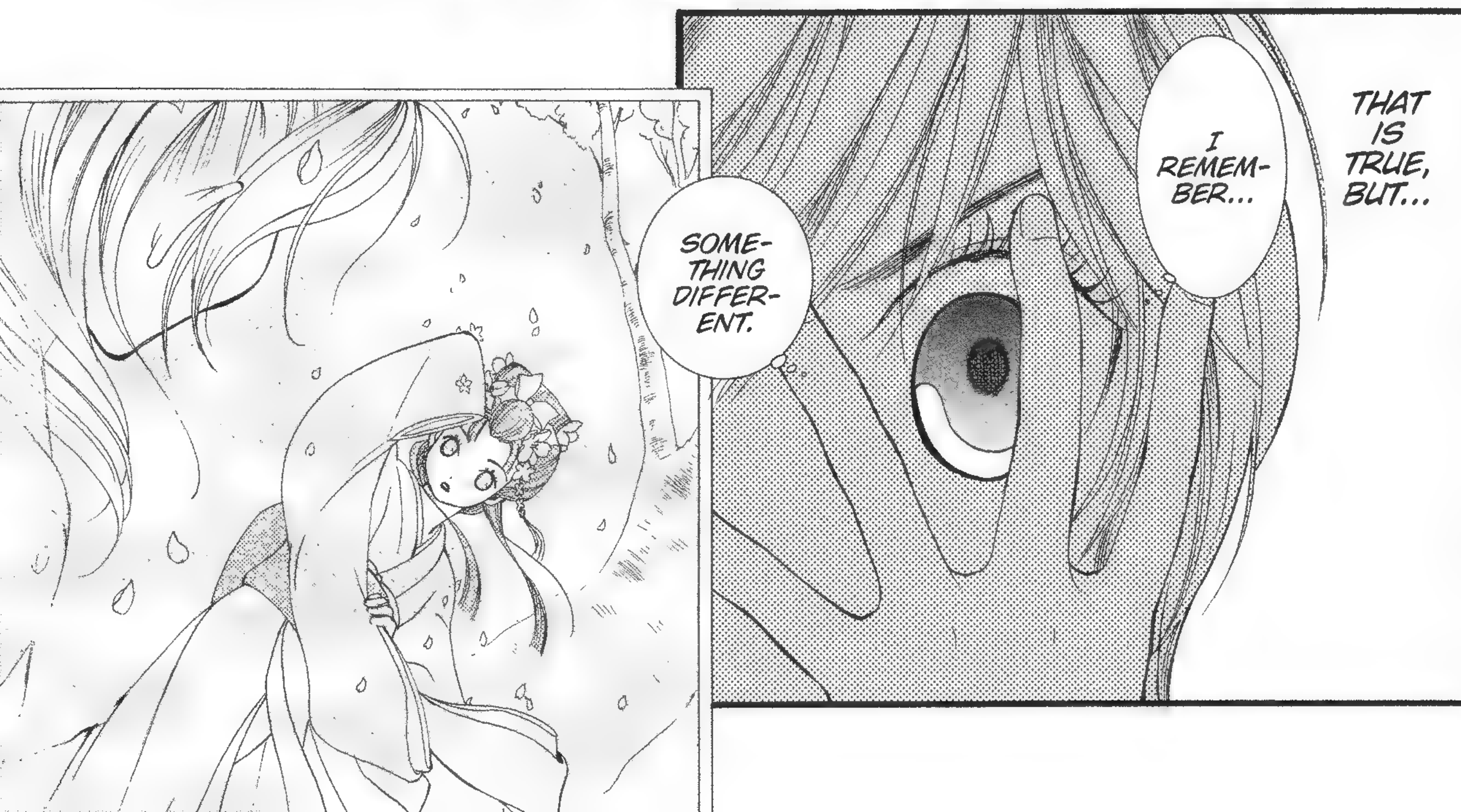
FIRST  
DROUGHT,  
THEN A  
HARSH  
WINTER...

WITHOUT  
FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE  
FROM  
KANNARI  
CASTLE,  
OUR PEOPLE  
WILL DIE!

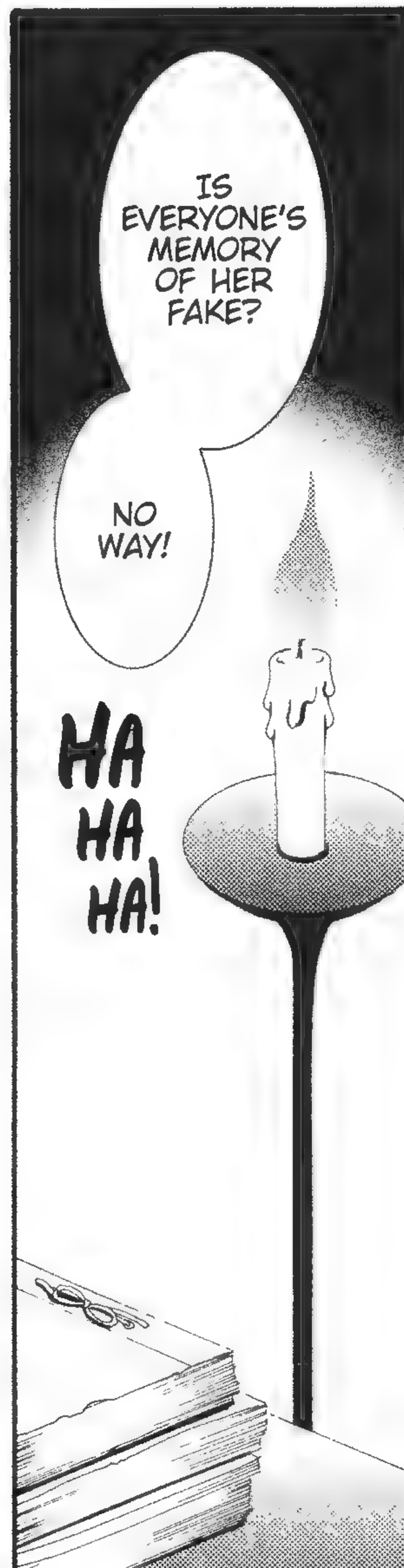




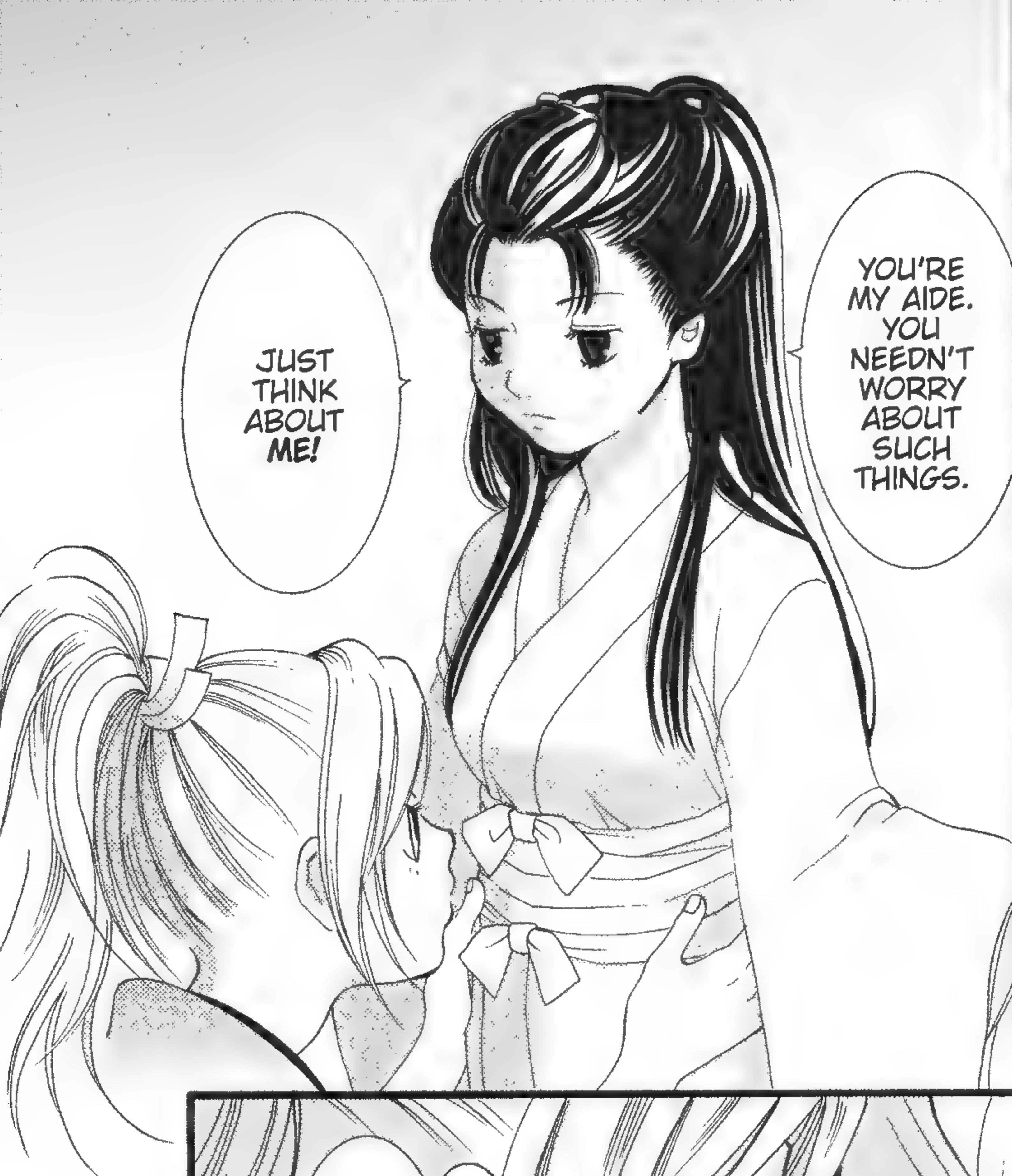






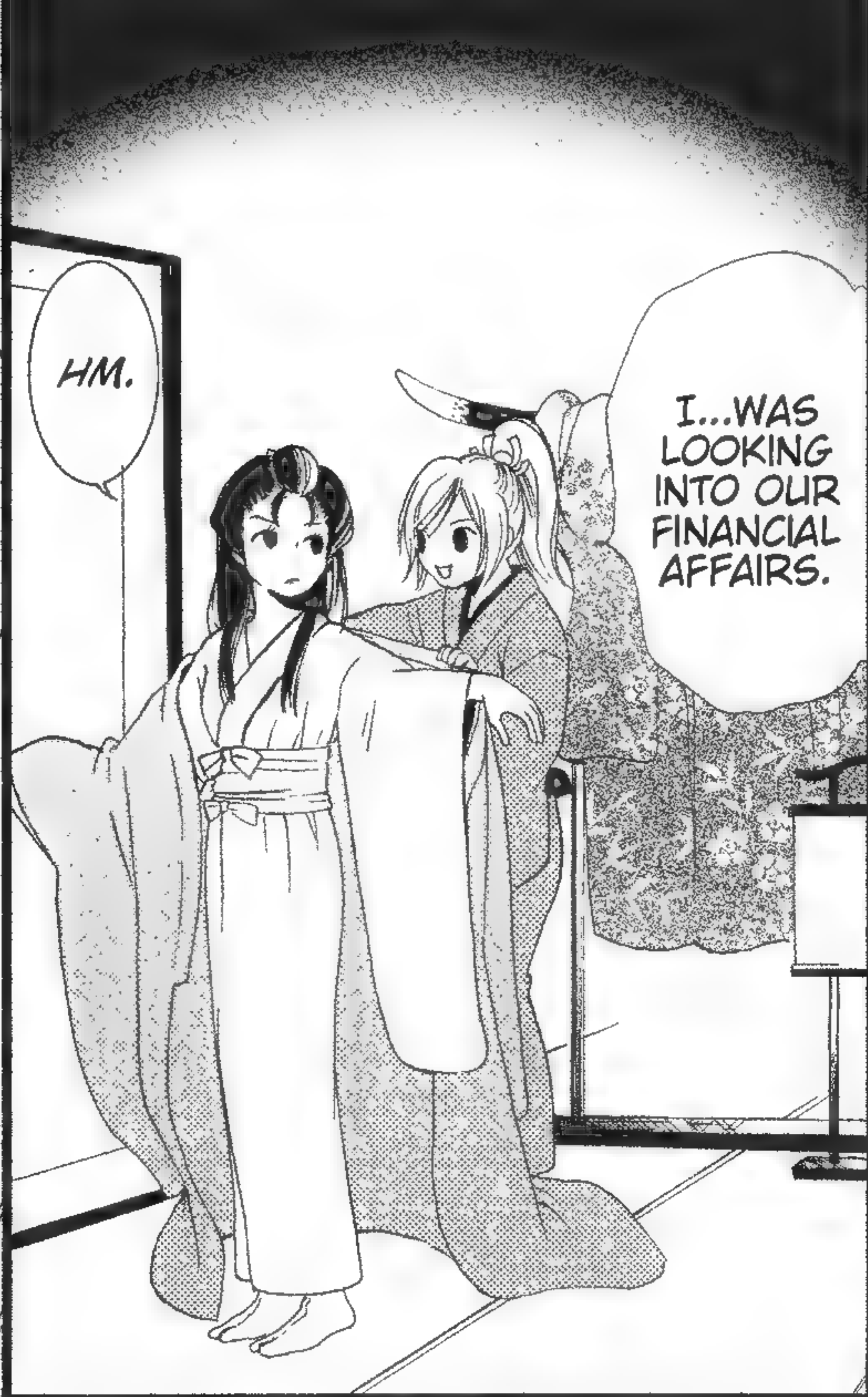






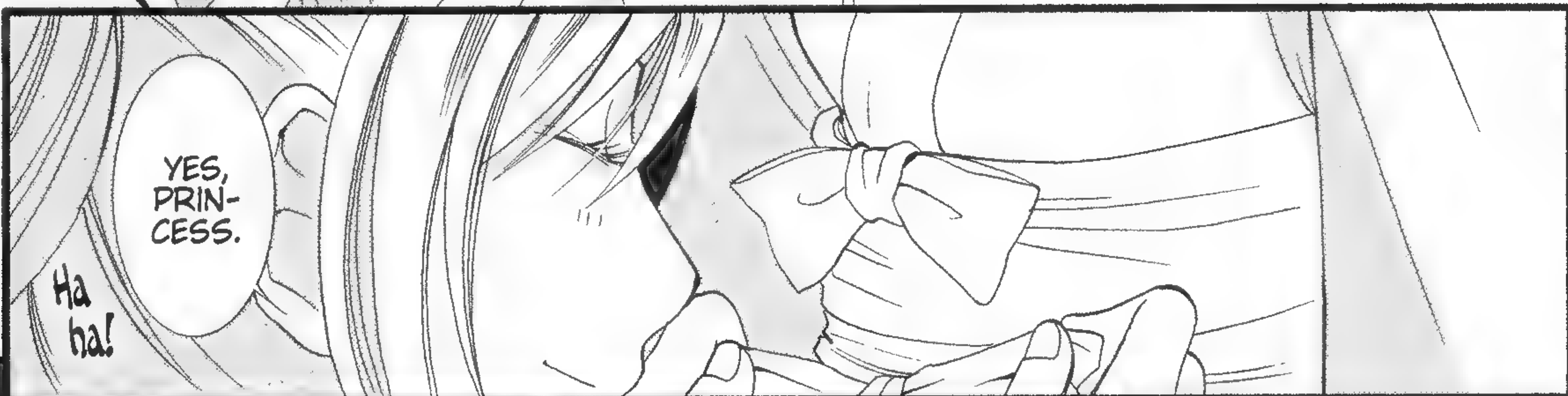
JUST THINK ABOUT ME!

YOU'RE MY AIDE. YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT SUCH THINGS.



HM.

I...WAS LOOKING INTO OUR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.



YES, PRINCESS.

Ha ha!



WAS I BORN A WOMAN?

WHY...



FUBUKI.





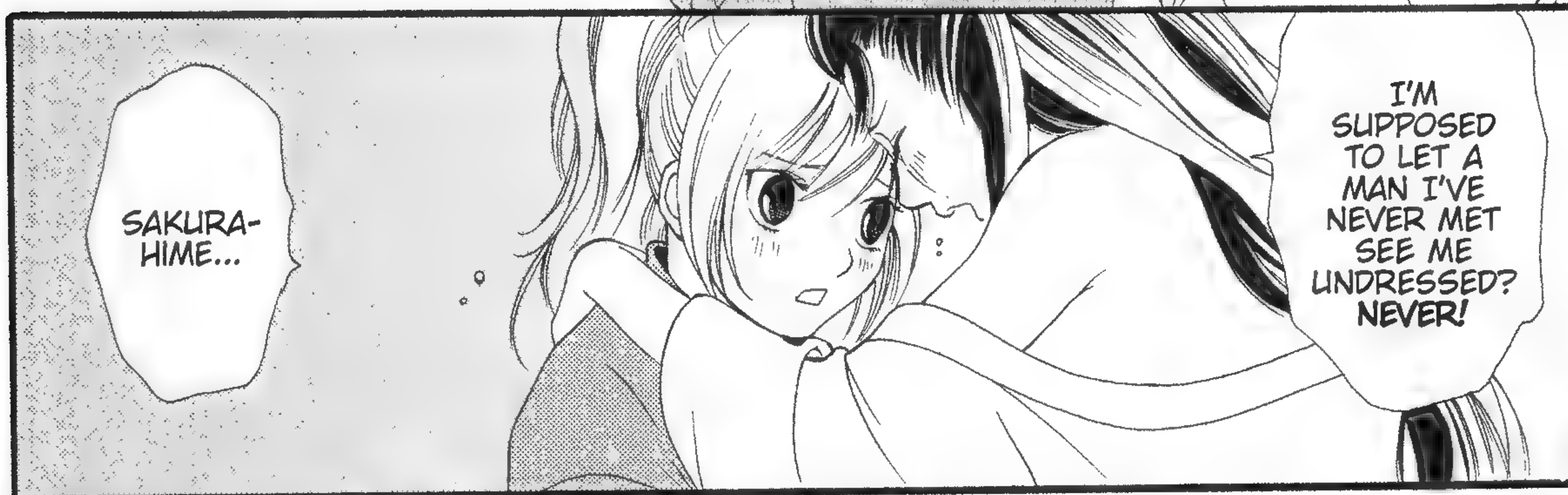
NO ONE  
BUT YOU  
HAS BEEN  
ALLOWED  
TO TOUCH  
ME.



HEAVEN  
IS  
CRUEL.

I'D BE  
ABLE TO  
MARRY YOU  
IF I WERE  
A MAN!

EH?!



SAKURA-  
HIME...

I'M  
SUPPOSED  
TO LET A  
MAN I'VE  
NEVER MET  
SEE ME  
UNDRESSED?  
NEVER!



WE'LL  
FLEE THE  
CASTLE  
AND THE  
DOMAIN!

LET'S  
RUN AWAY  
TOGETHER!

THAT'S  
RIGHT!

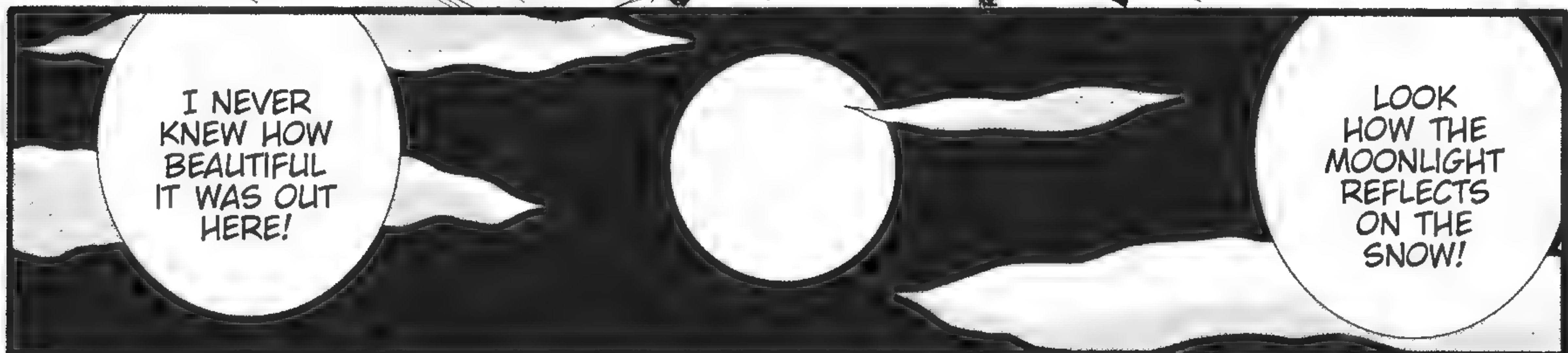




JUST AS  
LONG AS  
WE'RE  
TOGETHER!

EVEN  
IF THE  
PRINCESS  
ISN'T  
HUMAN...  
NONE  
OF IT  
MATTERS.

EVEN  
IF WE'RE  
BOTH  
WOMEN...



I NEVER  
KNEW HOW  
BEAUTIFUL  
IT WAS OUT  
HERE!

LOOK  
HOW THE  
MOONLIGHT  
REFLECTS  
ON THE  
SNOW!



I'M  
WARM  
THANKS  
TO YOU,  
FUBUKI!

ARE  
YOU  
WARM  
ENOUGH?

I'VE  
NEVER  
WALKED  
THROUGH  
THE SNOW  
LIKE THIS  
BEFORE.

Crunch



EVEN  
IN THE  
DEAD OF  
WINTER,  
FLOWERS  
BLOOM  
IN MY  
HEART.

WHEN  
I'M WITH  
SAKURA-  
HIME...

AH!

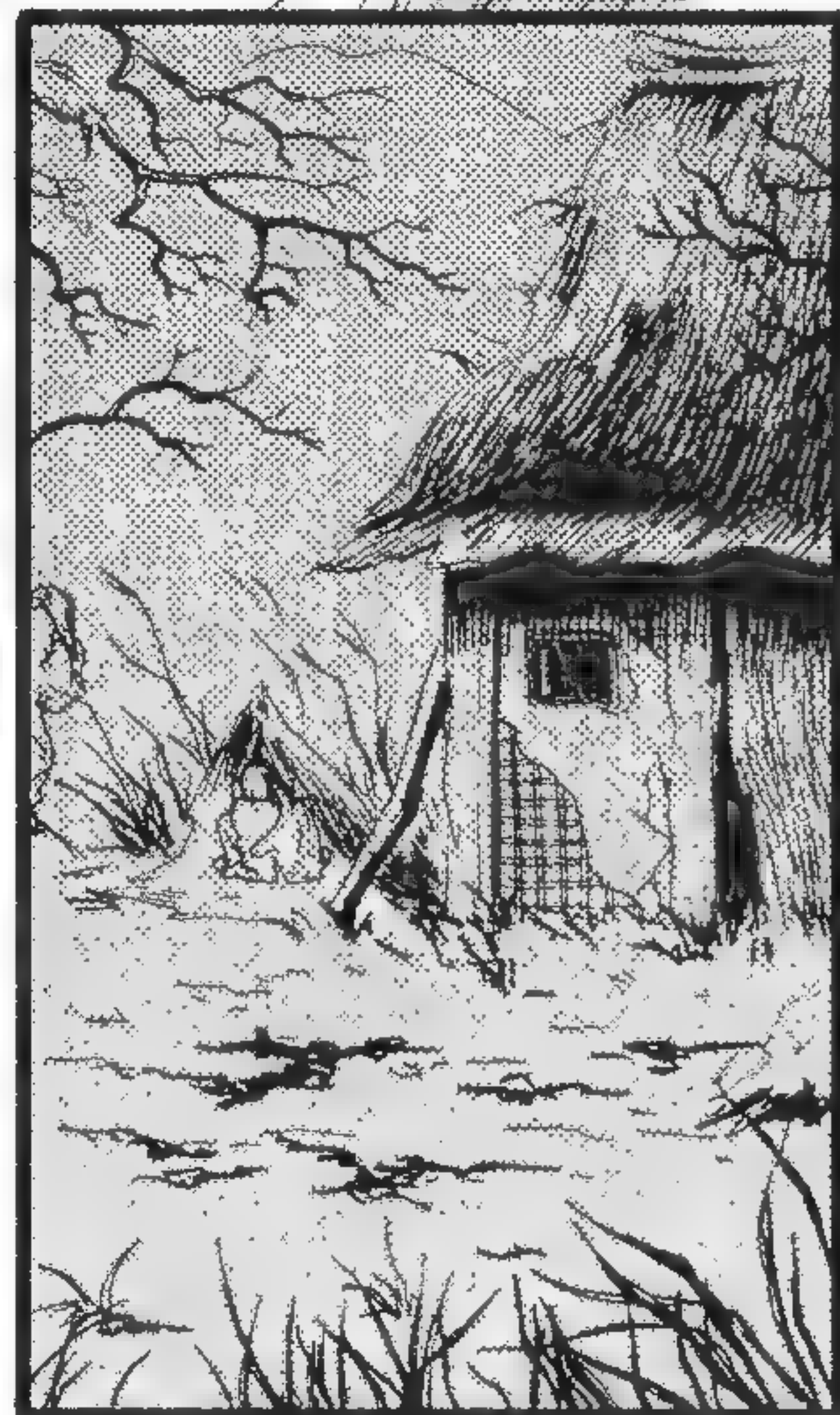
THE  
PEOPLE  
HAVE  
SUFFER-  
ED.

MANY  
HAVE  
DIED.

IT  
USED TO  
BE A  
FARMING  
VILLAGE.

NOW  
IT'S A  
SHANTY  
TOWN.

WHAT'S  
THIS?



AH!

EVEN  
THE  
CHIL-  
DREN?



"WITHOUT  
FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE  
FROM KANNARI  
CASTLE, OUR  
PEOPLE  
WILL DIE."







AHH!

Glimmer  
Life



WE  
NEED  
TO GET  
GOING.



I  
IGNORED  
MY  
DUTIES.

I'VE  
BEEN  
SELFISH.



THEY'RE  
PERFECT  
TARGETS!

TWO  
WELL-  
DRESSED  
WOMEN!



DO  
YOU  
NEED A  
PLACE  
TO  
STAY?



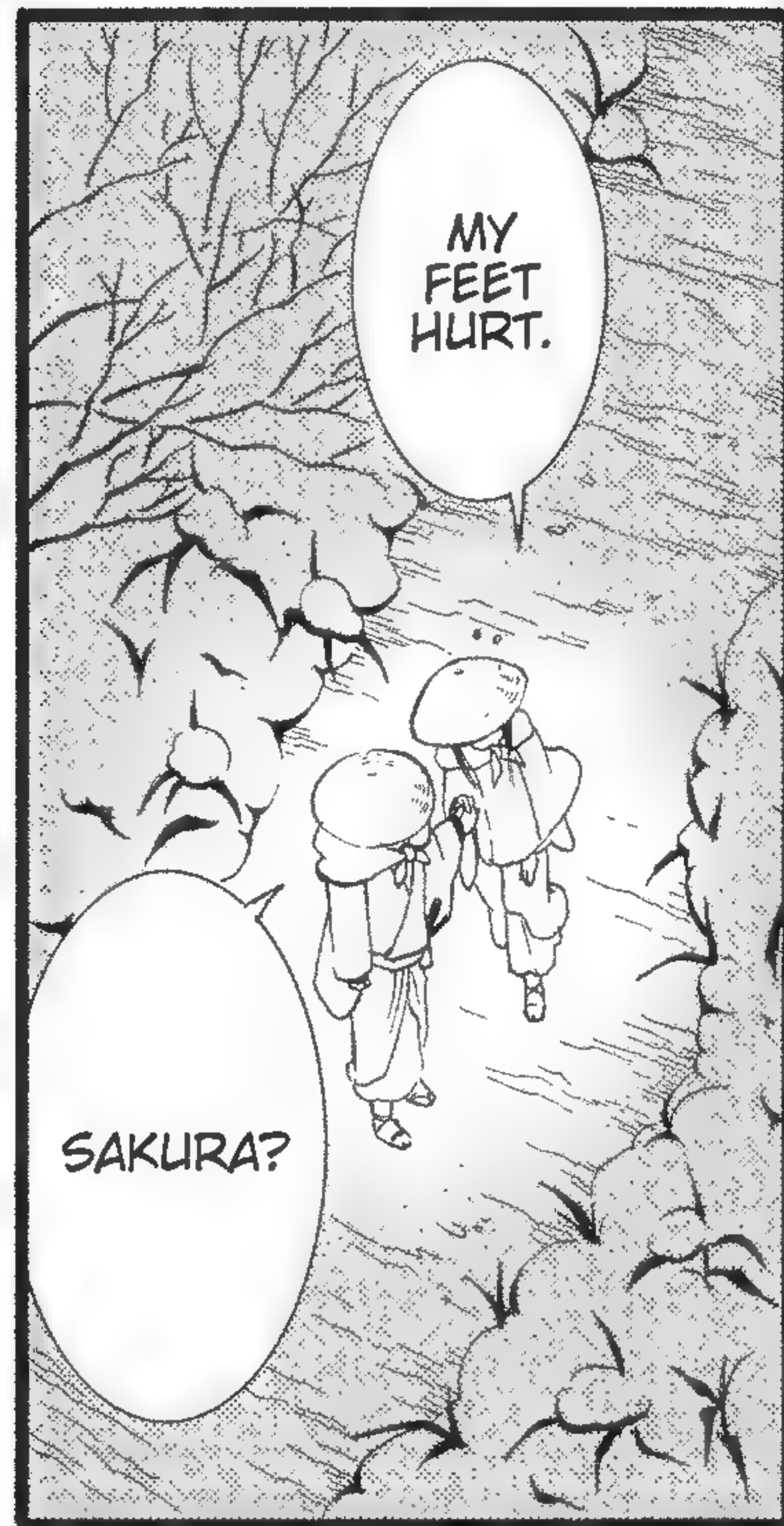
EX-  
CUSE  
ME?

LADIES?



LET'S  
FIND  
AN  
INN.

IT'S  
TOO MUCH  
TO GO  
OVER THE  
MOUNTAIN  
TONIGHT.



MY  
FEET  
HURT.

SAKURA?



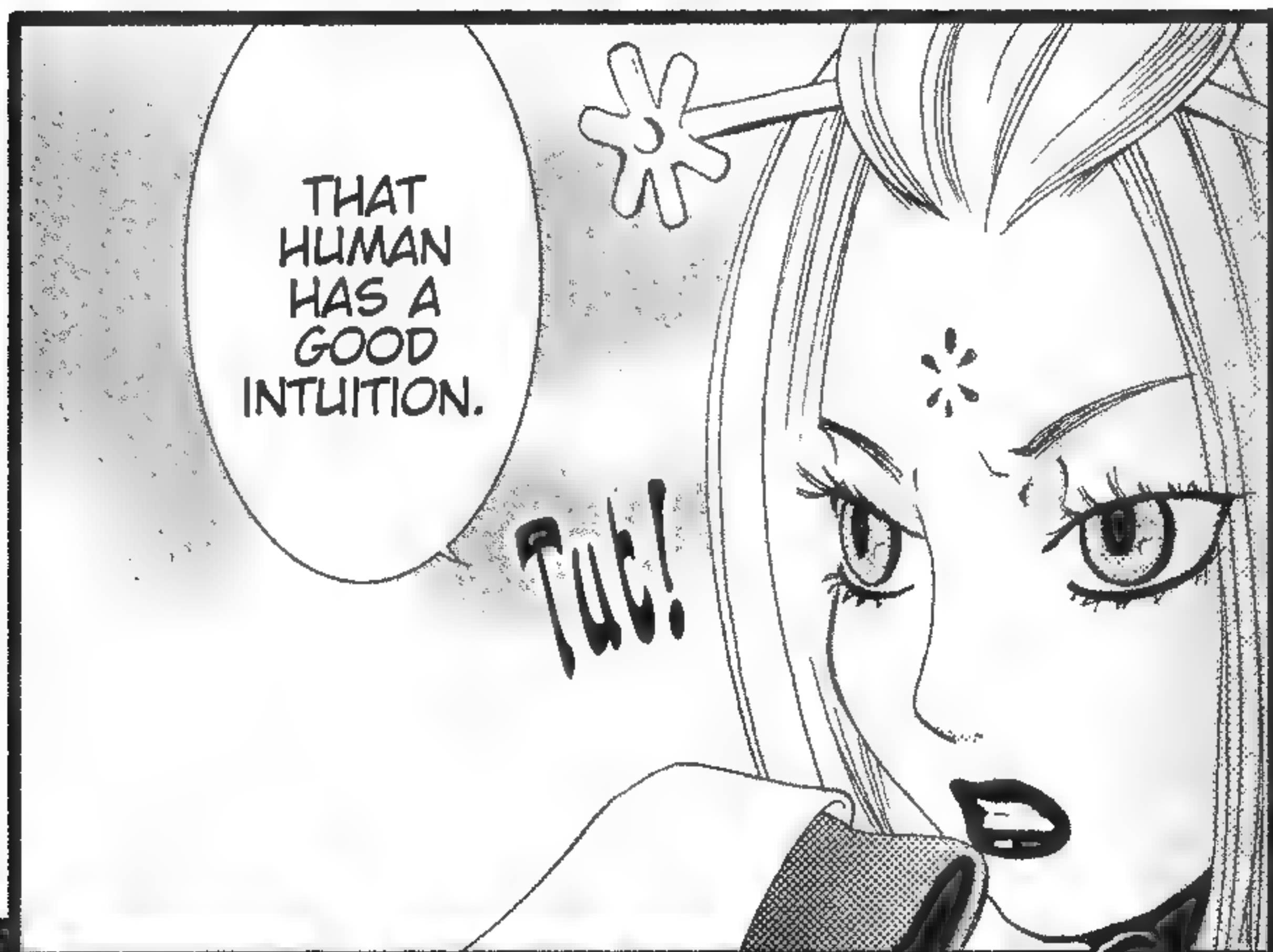


THANK YOU, BUT WE'RE FINE.

SOME-THING'S FISHY.

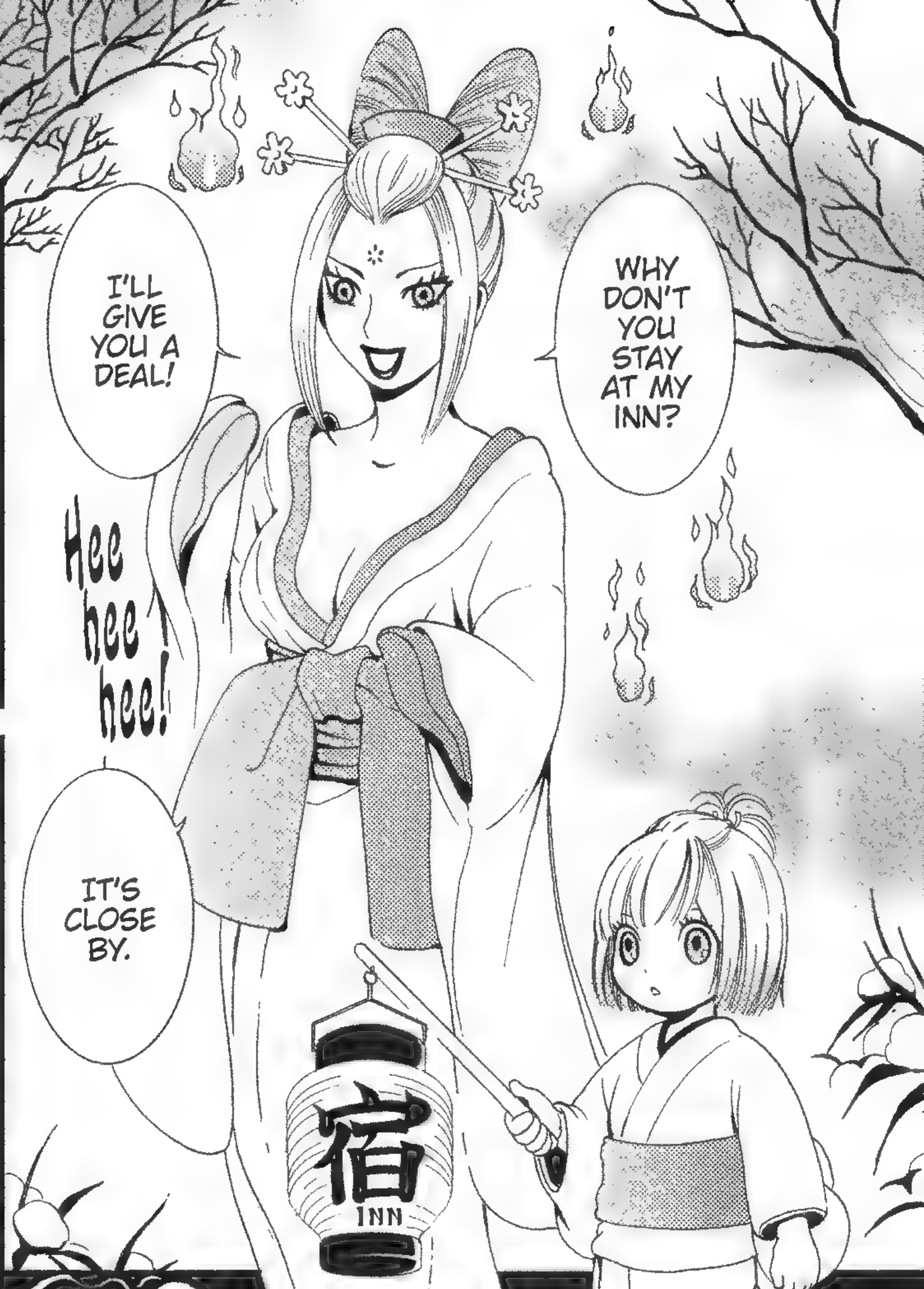


OH, HOW PERFECT!



THAT HUMAN HAS A GOOD INTUITION.

Tut!



I'LL GIVE YOU A DEAL!

WHY DON'T YOU STAY AT MY INN?

Hee hee hee!

IT'S CLOSE BY.

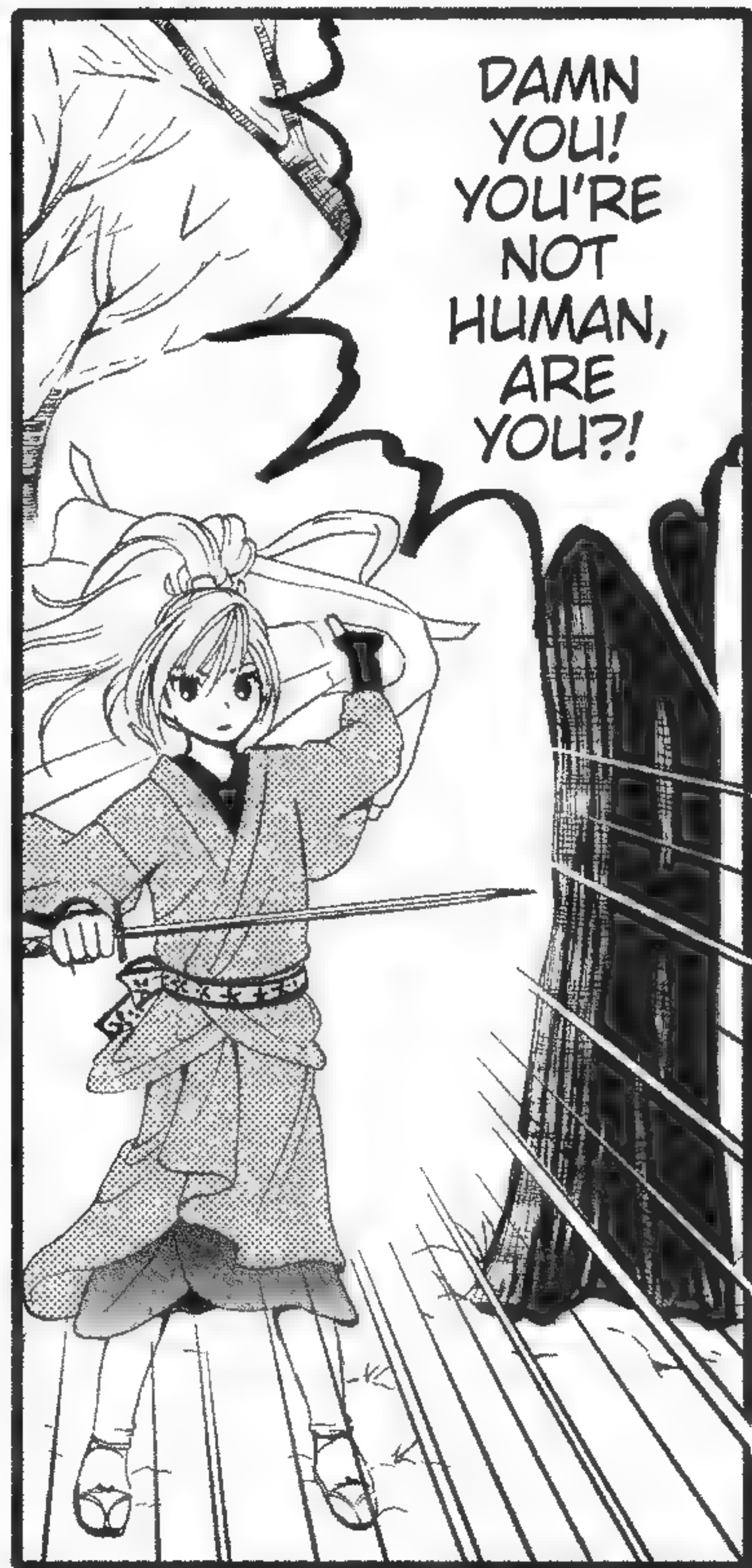


I'LL JUST ROB THEM!

IN THAT CASE...

Whooosh

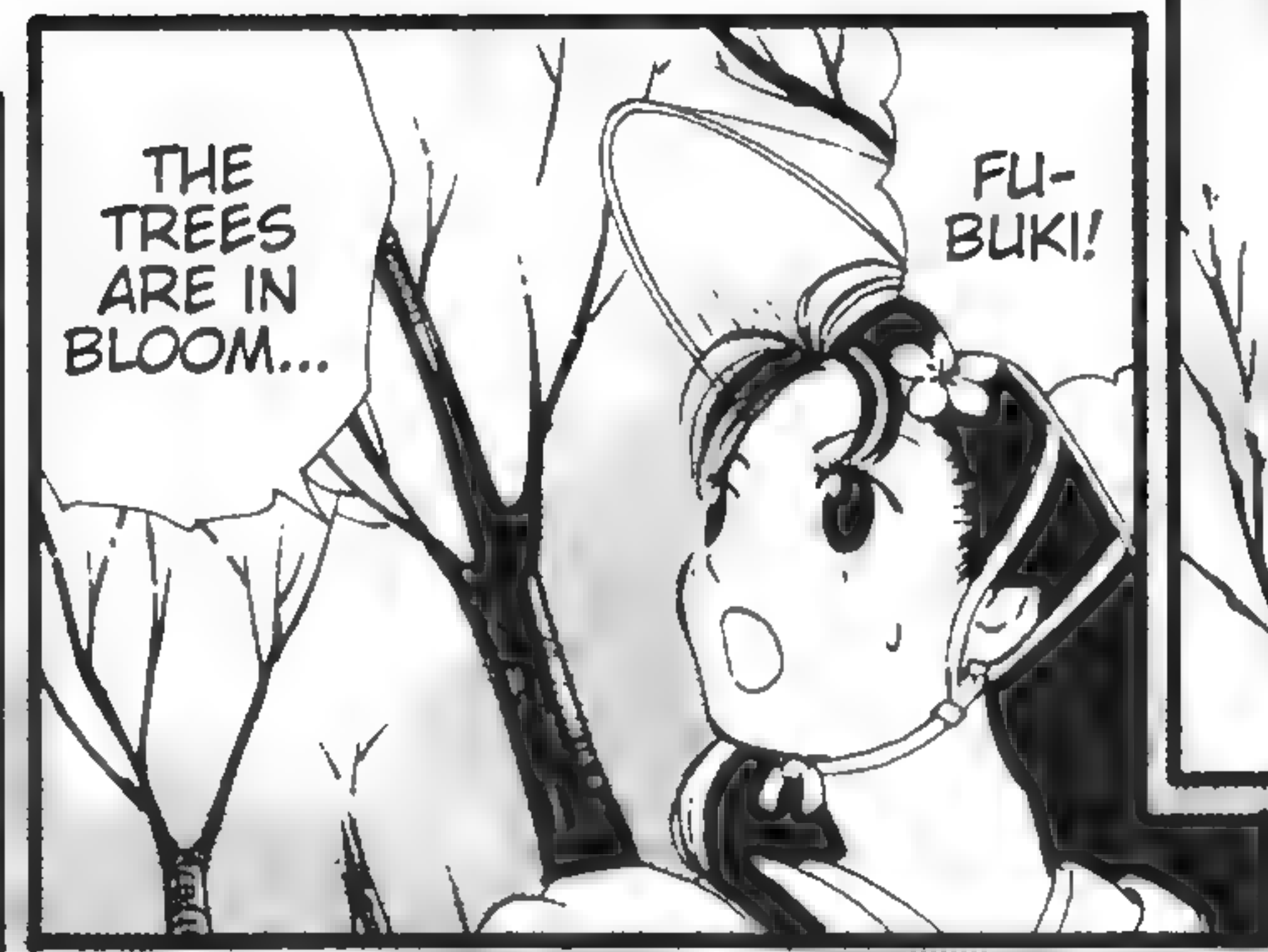








EVEN  
THOUGH  
IT'S  
WINTER!



THE  
TREES  
ARE IN  
BLOOM...

FU-  
BUKI!

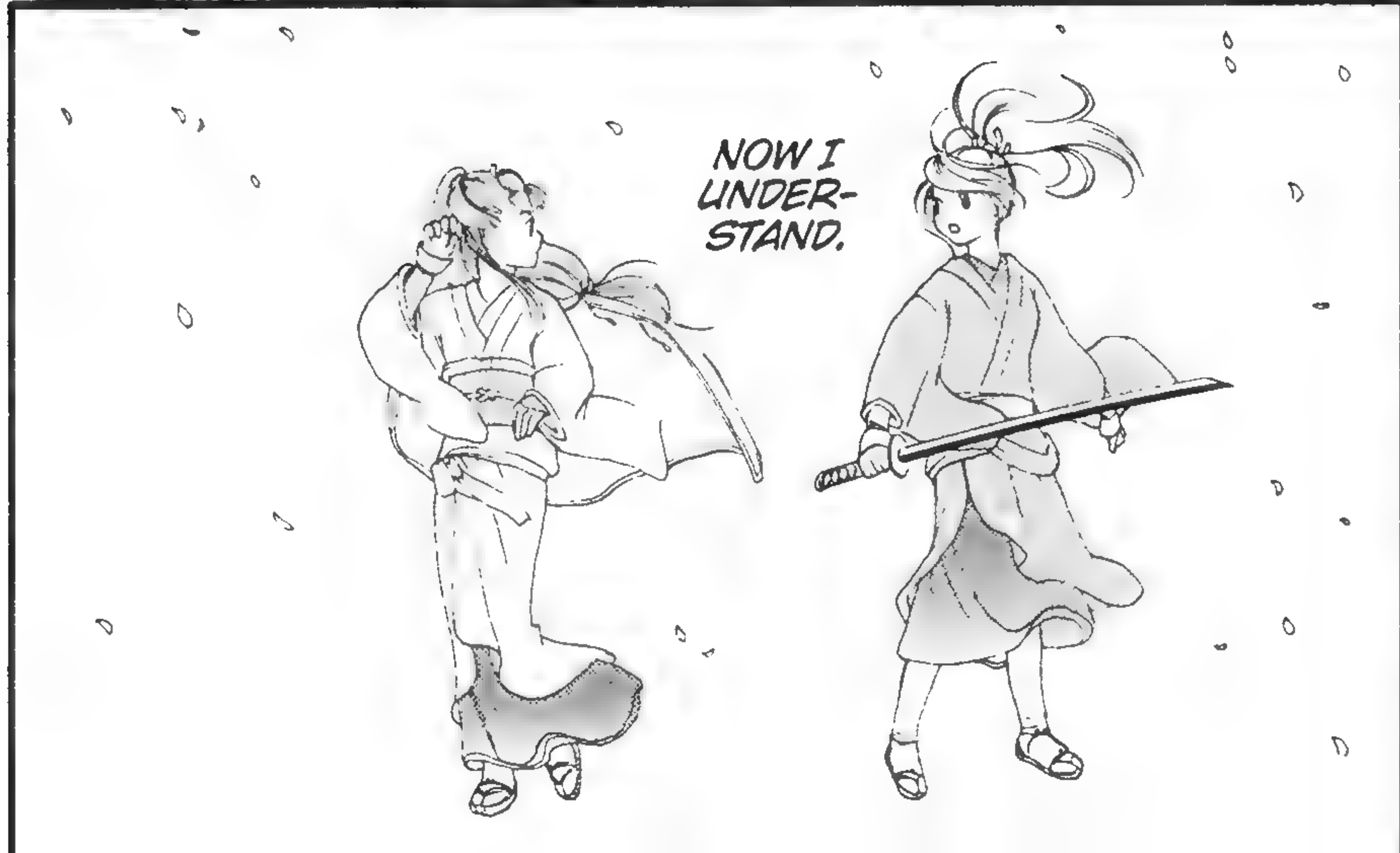


B  
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G  
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A

WHOOOSH



NOW I  
UNDER-  
STAND.



AHH!





THAT'S  
RIGHT.

IT  
WASN'T  
THE  
PRIN-  
CESS.

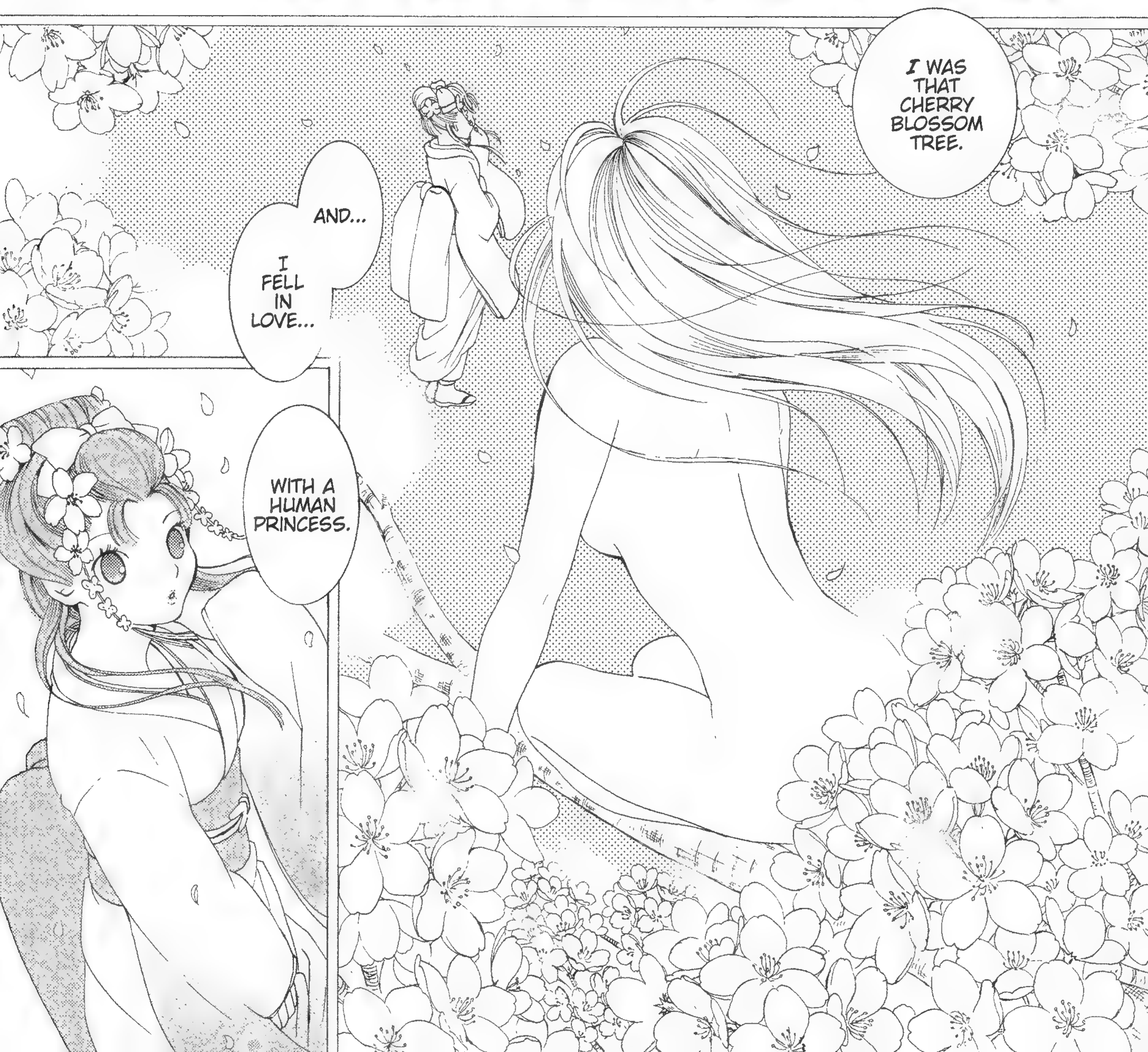
THEN  
YOU  
APPEAR-  
ED.

"I WILL  
GIVE  
YOU THE  
IDENTITY  
OF A  
HUMAN.

"HOW-  
EVER..."

I HEARD  
A STRANGE  
VOICE WHILE  
WALKING  
IN THE  
GARDEN.

LAST  
SPRING  
...



I WAS  
THAT  
CHERRY  
BLOSSOM  
TREE.

AND...

I  
FELL  
IN  
LOVE...

WITH A  
HUMAN  
PRINCESS.





SO I  
COULD  
BE WITH  
HER.

I WISHED  
FOR THE  
HEAVENS  
TO TURN  
ME INTO A  
HUMAN...



LOVED  
YOU,  
FUBUKI.

I  
HAVE  
ALWAYS...



PRIN-  
CESS!



I DON'T  
CARE IF  
YOU'RE A  
WOMAN  
OR A  
TREE!

SAKURA-  
HIME!



AND  
TO  
SAVE  
MY  
CHILD.

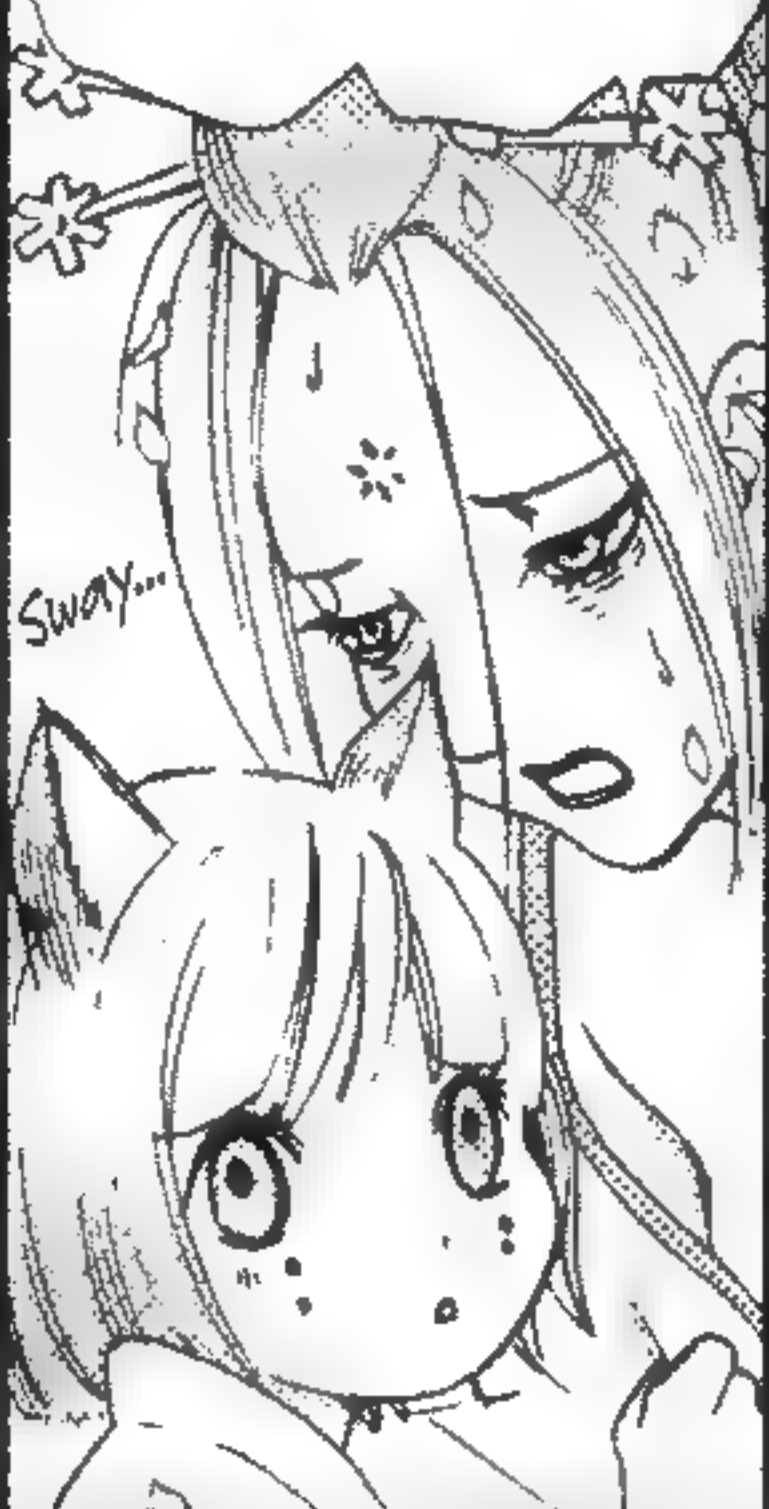
I  
HAD NO  
CHOICE  
BUT  
TO DO  
THIS TO  
SUR-  
VIVE...

HUMANS  
TOOK  
ANY  
FOOD  
WE HAD  
LEFT.

THE  
MOUN-  
TAINS  
HAVE  
BECOME  
DESOLATE.

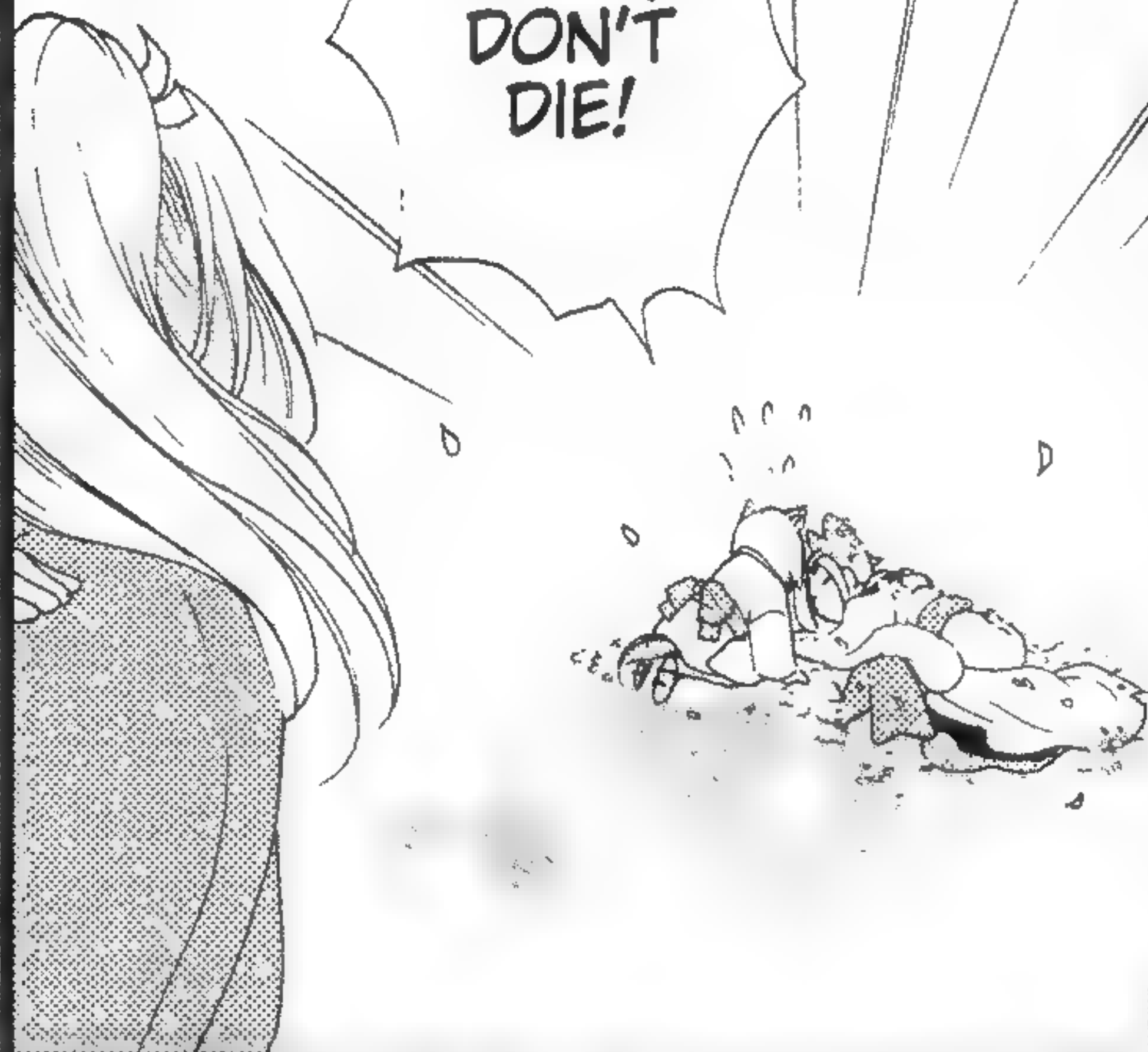


P-PLEASE  
FORGIVE ME.  
I'M JUST  
A KITSUNE  
WHO LIVES  
HERE.



Ahhh!

MOM,  
DON'T  
DIE!

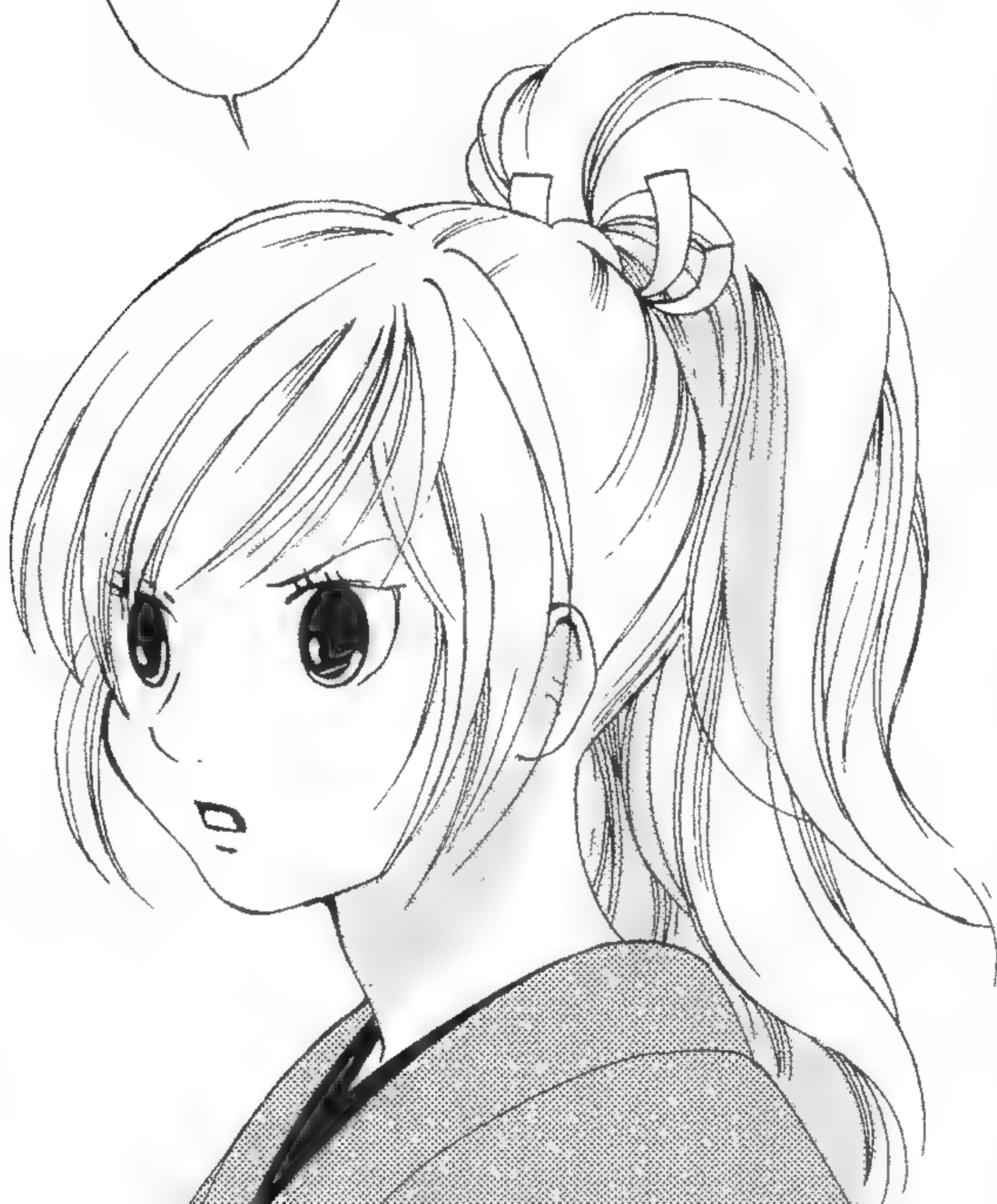


YOU  
MUST...

SAKU-  
RA-  
HIME.

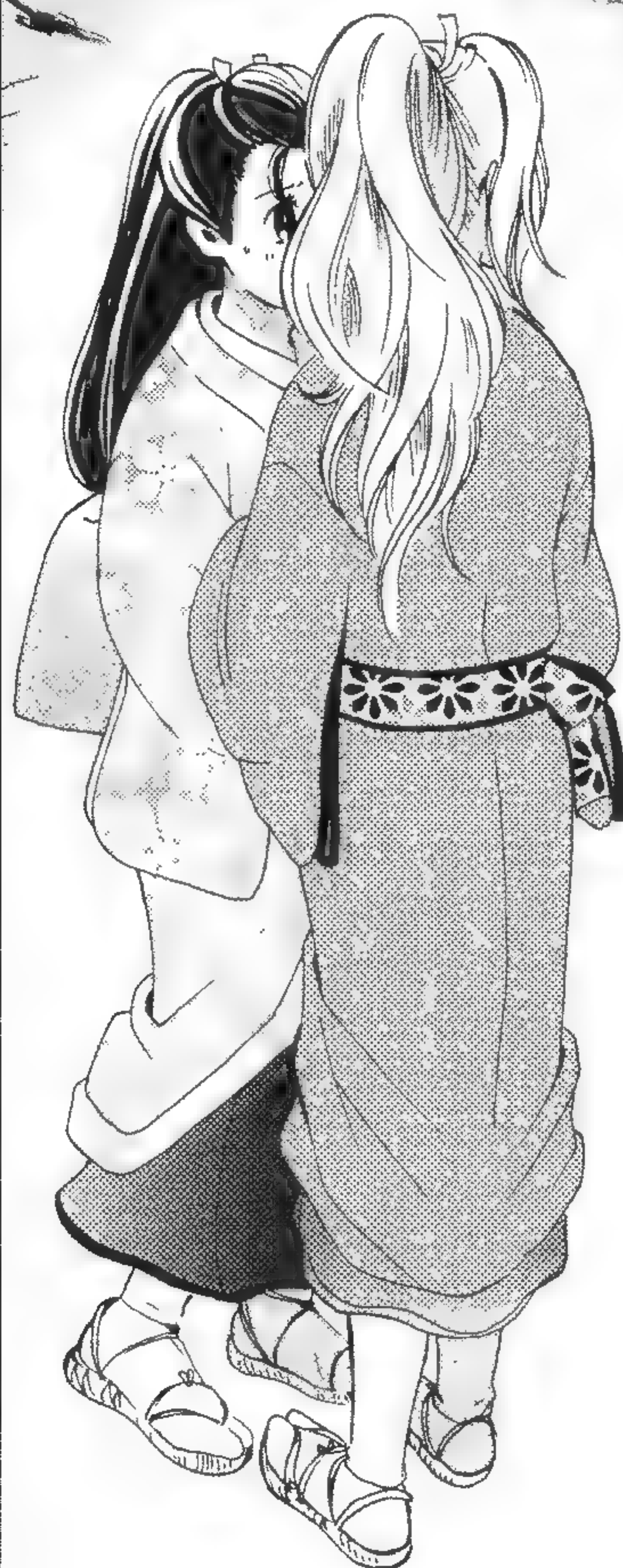


SAVE  
YOUR  
PEOPLE!



WASTE-  
LANDS AND  
STARVING  
PEOPLE...

AH.







BECAUSE  
I'M  
HAPPY!

WHY  
ARE  
YOU  
SMILING?

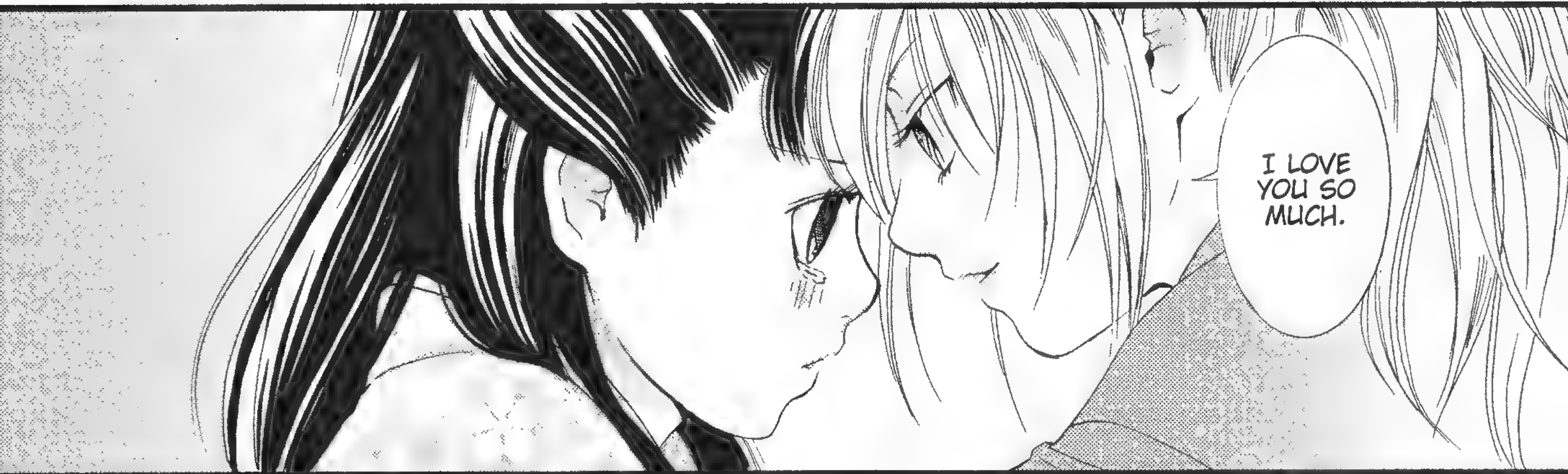


BUT  
IF I  
CHOOSE  
MY  
PEOPLE,  
YOU'LL  
DIE!



"IF  
YOU CAN'T  
RISK EVERY-  
THING TO BE  
WITH EACH  
OTHER...

"THEN  
YOU  
WILL..."



I LOVE  
YOU SO  
MUCH.



I  
CAN  
DIE  
FOR  
YOU.







I TURNED  
INTO DUST  
AND DISAP-  
PEARED.

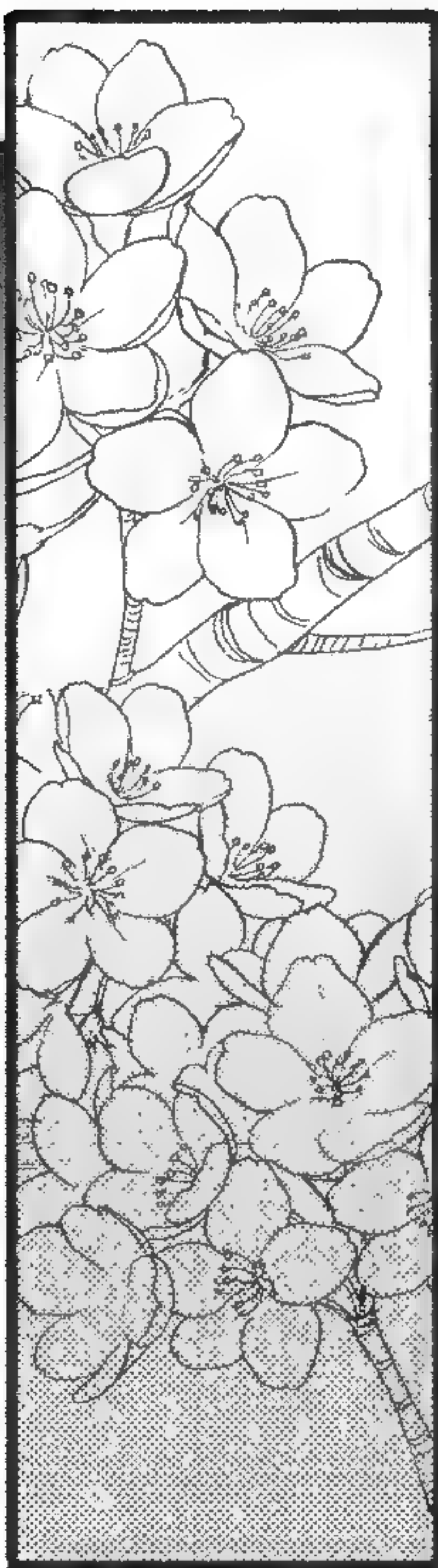


"GOOD-  
BYE."



FUBUKI?

HOW-  
EVER...



LATER  
ON...

SAKURA-  
HIME  
MARRIED.



EVERY  
SPRING,  
I DANCE  
FOR  
SAKURA-  
HIME.

HEAVEN  
SPARED  
ME FROM  
WITHERING  
AWAY.

FU-  
BUKI?

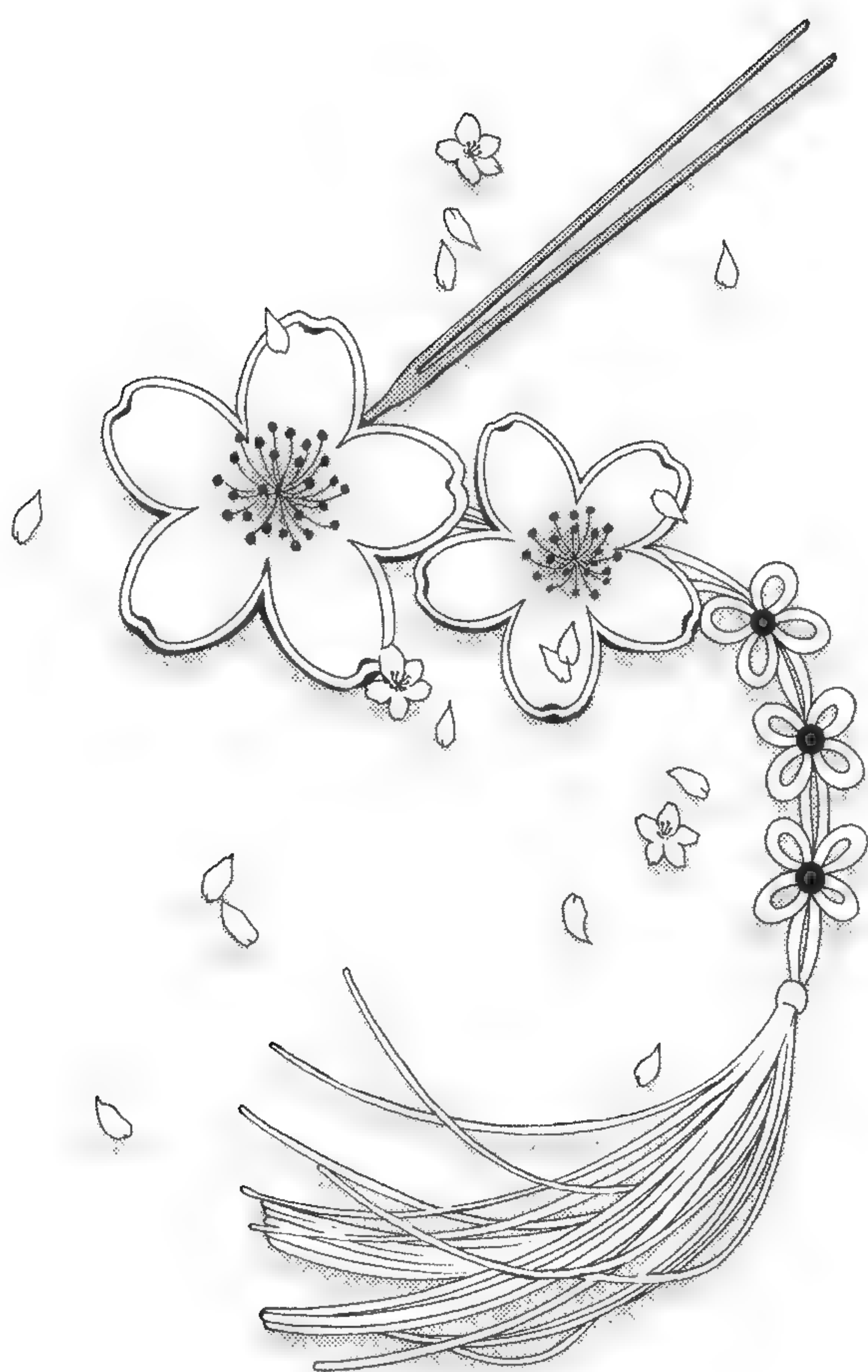
RIGHT  
...

THE  
FLOWERS  
ARE  
BEAUTIFUL  
AGAIN THIS  
YEAR!

I  
HAVE  
BECOME  
A  
FLURRY  
OF  
LOVE.









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In My Head

## Yuri x Yuri Observatory Journal Manga Afterword Version

LET'S  
DO  
THIS!

OKAY!



SOFT,  
JUICY,  
CUTE,  
AND  
FRAGRANT!

WHEN I  
DRAW A  
GIRL, I  
IMAGINE  
HER TO  
BE...

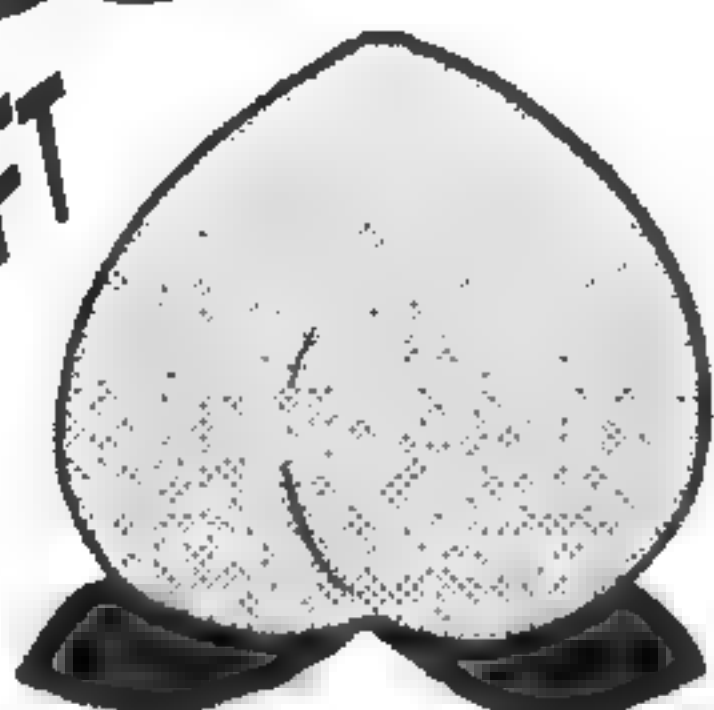
I'M A  
SUCKER  
FOR  
PEACHES.

Peach  
Flavor

Ahhh~

SOFT!  
CUTE!

SOFT



THAT'S A  
KNIGHT'S  
JOB!

I DON'T  
HAVE A  
THING FOR  
A PRINCE  
THAT  
SAVES A  
PRINCESS.

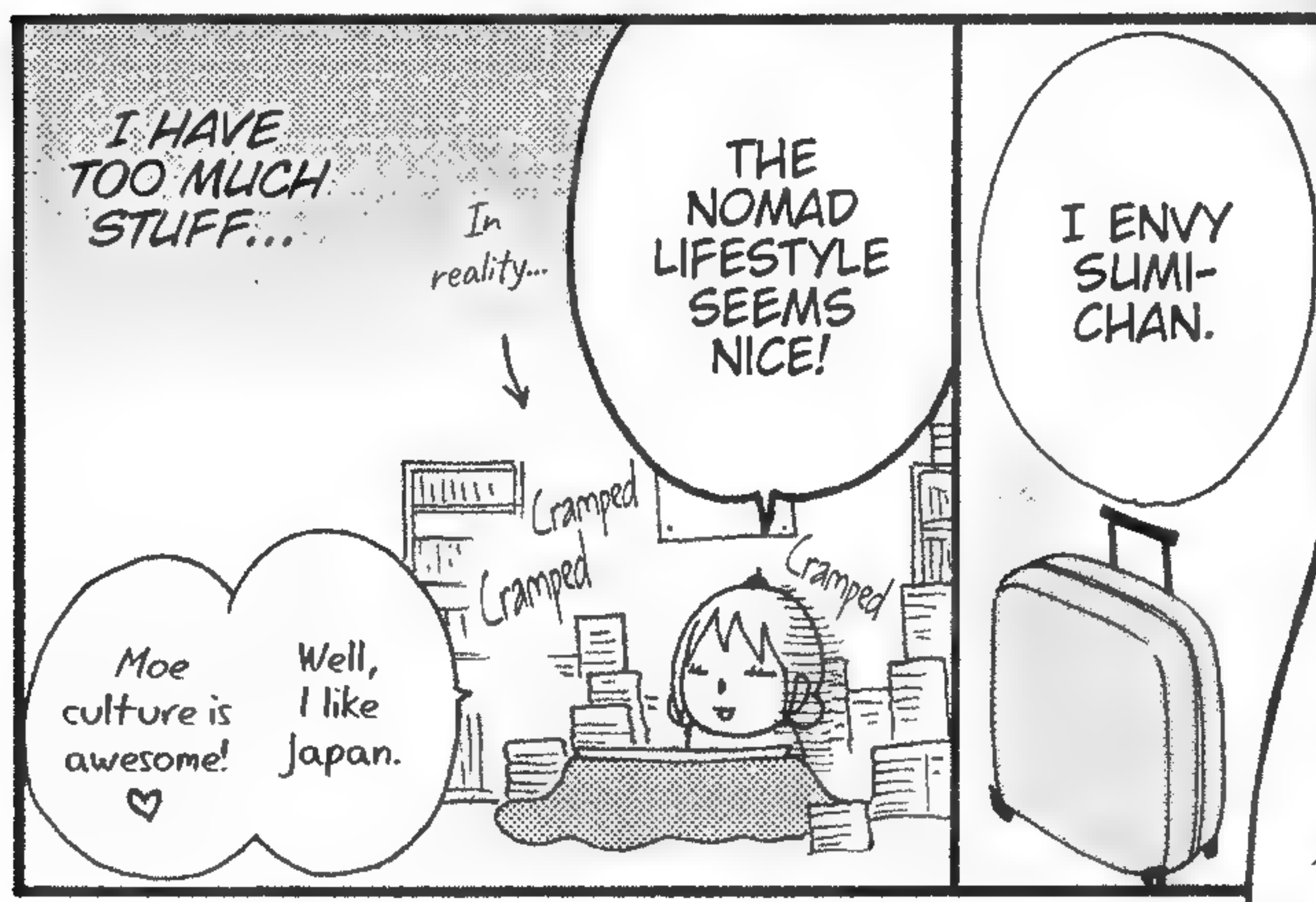
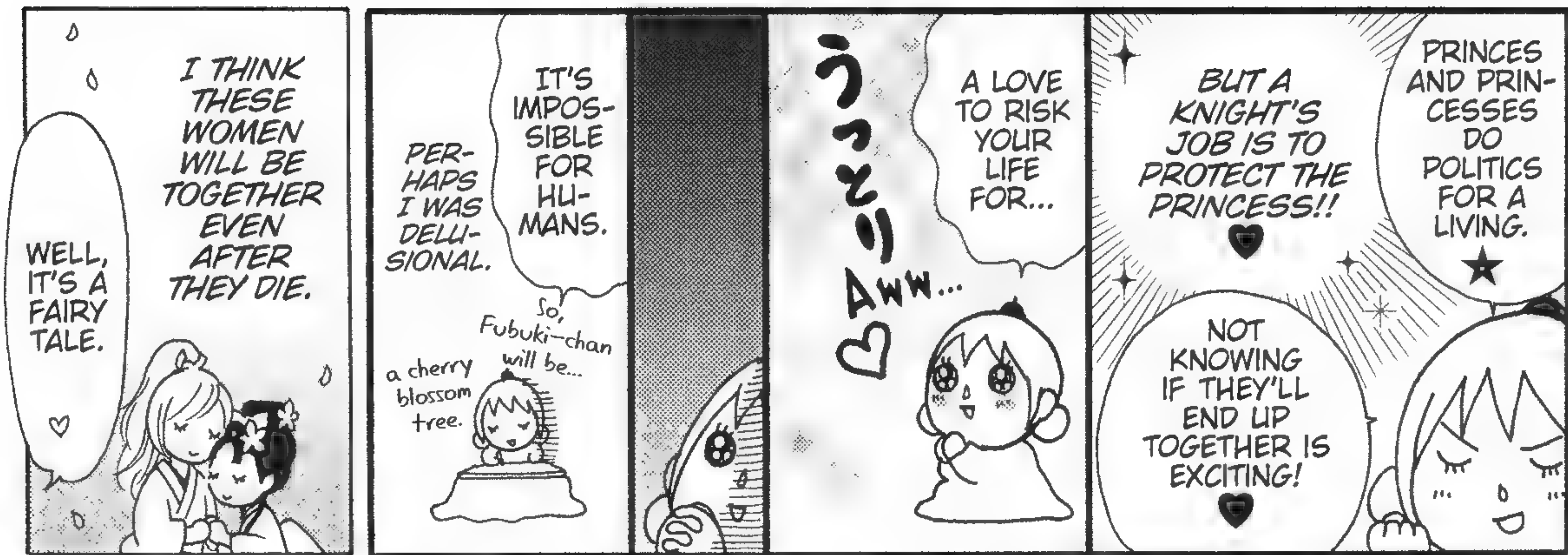
I LOVE  
SAKURA  
FLOWERS!  
I LOVE  
KIMONOS!  
OH, AND I  
LOVE FAIRY  
TALES!

Princess  
Sakura  
in the  
Flurry of  
Flowers

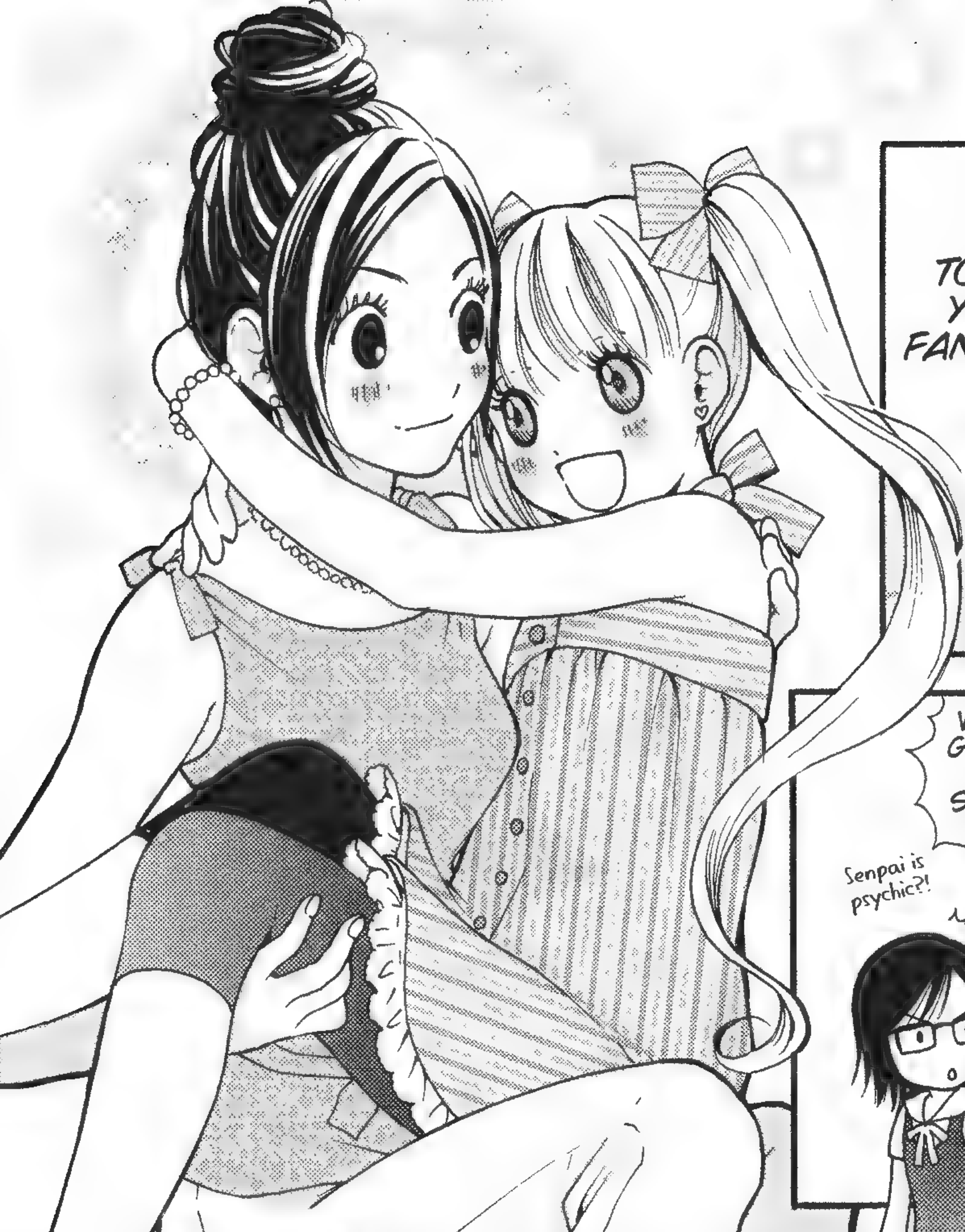
I also  
love the  
Fukiwa  
peroid  
hairstyle.











A TOTAL YURI FANATIC!

I can't resist how she almost looks too old for them!

AND I LOVE PIGTAILS ON A WOMAN IN HER LATE TWENTIES THE BEST!!

WE'VE GOT TO RUN, SHINOBU!!

FLINCH

I SENSE A CREEPY OTAKU NEARBY!

I LOVE WHEN A TOMBOY TURNS INTO A GROWN WOMAN WITH A NICE BODY, TOO.

It turns me on!

Senpai is psychic?!

COUGH

COUGH

AND I CAN DRAW TWO OF THEM IN YURI! ALL THE FLIRTY SCENES I WANT!!

I LIVE FOR DRAWING SOFT AND ATTRACTIVE GIRLS!

DOUBLE THE FUN!!

A GIRL'S ROMANCE, FUN, PROBLEMS, WORK, UPPER ARMS, THIGHS, BOOBS, AND TUSHY...

How it varies girl to girl is interesting.

I LOVE TO FANTASIZE ABOUT A GIRLY LIFESTYLE.

A 20-Year-Old Woman and a 30-Year Old Girl

I HOPE YOU'LL FOLLOW MY FUTURE WORK, TOO!

ARE YOU ASLEEP?!

MORI-SHIMA-SAN, YOUR DEADLINE IS--

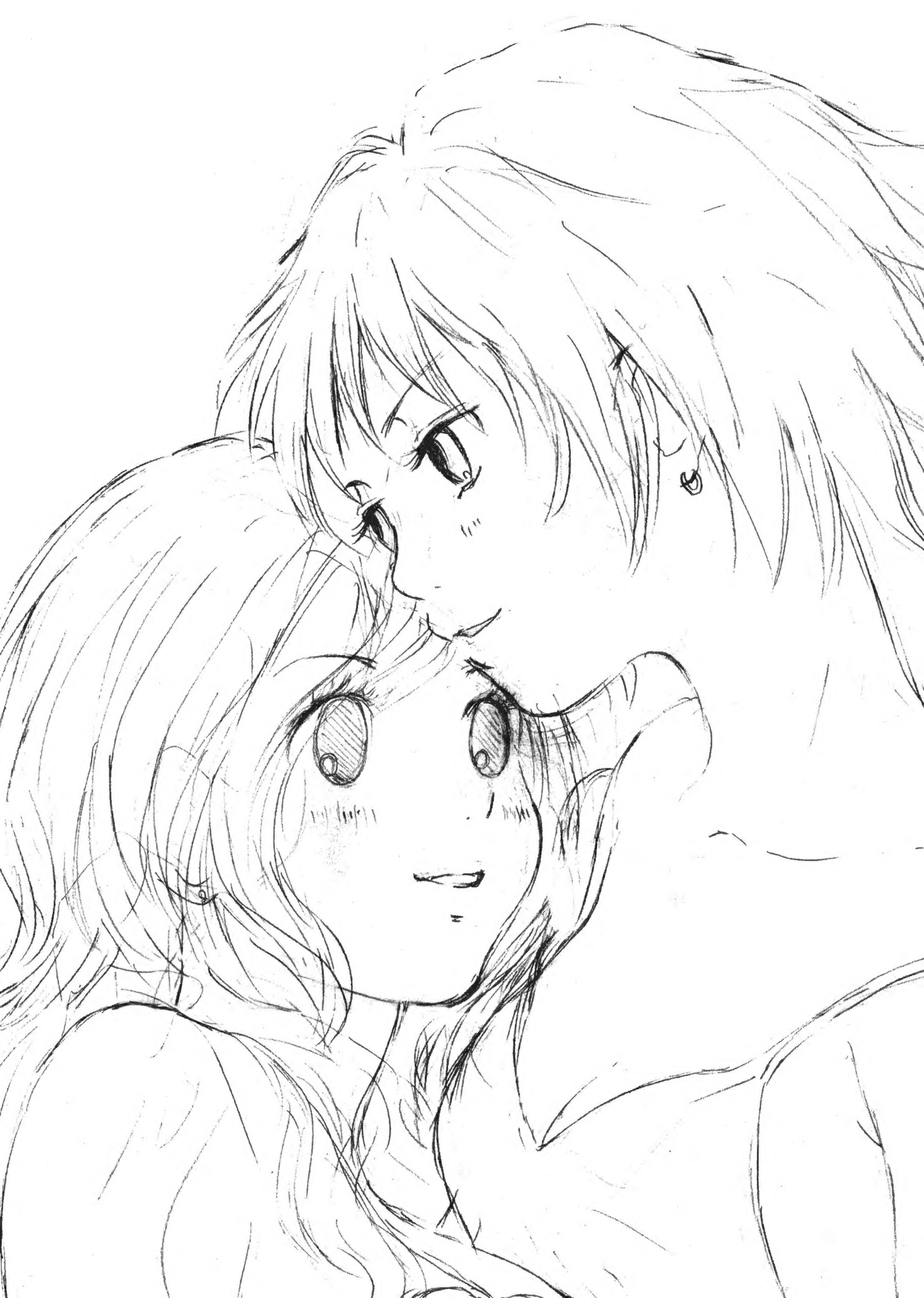
I USED TWICE THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY!













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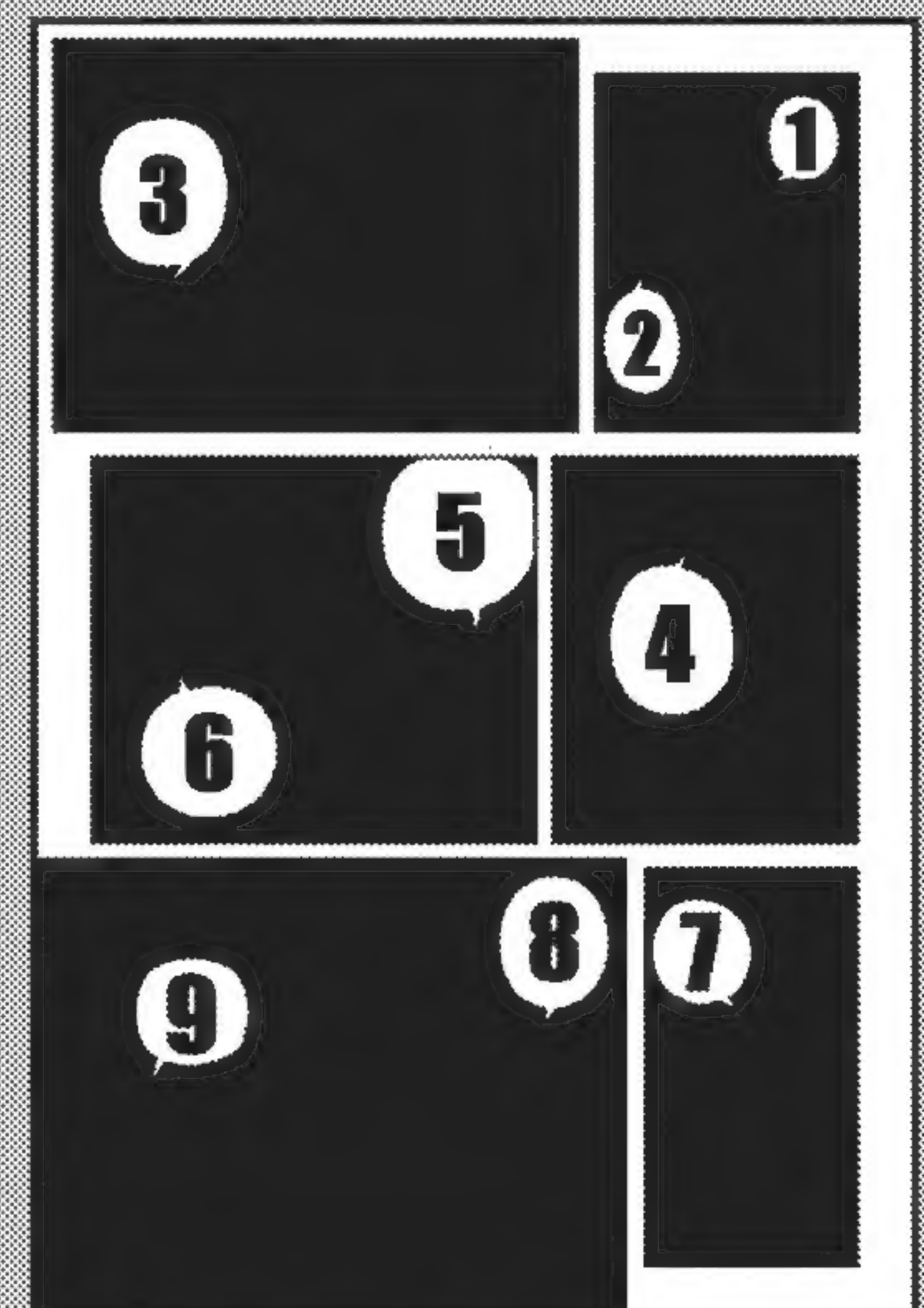
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